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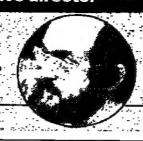
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Farmers angry, but burger chain buys British again

Rage at beef muddle to retire

Owen Bowcott and Rebecca Smithers

HE fast food chain Wimpy, which joined the stampede from British beef earlier this year, yesgers back on its menus amid signs that consumer confidence may be recovering from the BSE and CJD scare.

But the first piece of good news for the Government in the six-week crisis, keenly we comed by John Major concided with a fierce row in the Commons over the imple-mentation of the scheme to slaughter cattle over 30

months old. The scheme was intended to boost consumel confidence in domestic beef by speeding up the eradication of BSE. But farmers complained they had not been told where they could dispose of the cattle, while abattoirs said they were uncertain which had been designated to take part in the subsidisc: cull

The National Farmers Union warned that there was growing frustration. "We would like to see the scheme up and running as soon as possible," a spokesman said. "But there is still some confusion about when the scheme is going to start."

One of those affected. David Burnett, a cattle farmer from Newark, commented yesterday. "It's building up to a monumental mess. Nobody knows who will be picking." the cattle up and who will be

rendering them."
At Westminster, the Labour the first day of the slaughter scheme as "pretty inept" and demanded a full explanation for the "confusion all around

the country". But the Prime Minister, insisting that farmers who had not yet received information would have it "very speedily", attempted to concentrate on the good news. "I am de-lighted to see that the Wimpy chain have lifted the ban on British beef with immediate effect," he told cheering Tory

With the number of cattle sold at market this week only 20 per cent down on pre-scare levels. according to the NFU, and sales of beef through butchers and supermarkets reviving steadily, according to the Meat and Livestock Commission, there is hope that consumer confidence can

he restored. Wimpy, the third largest burger chain in the UK and the only British-owned one. sells more than 20 million beefburgers a year. It said it was reintroducing Britain as its main "approved source" of beef under the slogan "Brit-case."

Services in the destrict the destrict that currently this is not the case." ish beef is back". None of the

Local elections could be the tombstone of Conservative Party hopes



WAFTING for the rush at Wincle polling station, near Macclesfield, Cheshire, where the local elections

ers, who try to assess the party allegiance of voters. are rarely busy even at peak voting time in the main cenare a grave matter. The tell-

other large chains followed Wimpy's lead, but Burger Hogg, briefed cabinet col-King appeard to be wavering. gues on his meeting with A company statement prom-ised it would restore British the EU council of agriculture ministers this week. beef "once we believe con-Despite the failure to secure

a date for lifting of the ban on export of British beef, Mr Hogg insisted he had made

progress. He told ministers who were Earlier in the day, the Agriworried that the ban might | Euro-sceptic MPs who

10 million people were regstered to vote in yesterday's elections the turnout was as always, low. Despite this, politicians of all parties

culture Minister, Douglas | not be lifted before the autumn that their fears were "pessimistic", a government source said.

Downing Street remains hopeful that the ban on beef byproducts, like gelatine may be lifted after next Tues day's meeting of the EU's sci-entific and veterinary committee in Brussels.

Meanwhile. Mr Major

stunned Opposition MPs by refusing to condemn the decision by Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, not to fly the European flag on Europe | ish beef exports.

regard the results as a nationwide judgment on the

Government's record and a

bad result for the Conserva-

tives makes it even harder

vented their frustration in the Commons this week with a fresh bout of "Brussels bashing" have pledged to keep up the pressure for an early end to the ban.

The Brussels bashing in Scotland, is the Union Flag — and so do I."

Mr Major stated.

vive until this time no

year, the cut-off point for a

PHOTOGRAPH: DON MCPHE

Mr Major stated.

Mr Forsyth yesterday intensified his attack on Brussels, speaking of "real anger" being felt throughout Scotland over the EU ban on British had avenue.

Howard to fight ruling that he acted unlawfully on Bulger

Clare Dyer

HE High Court dealt the Home Secretary, Michael Homerd, a severe blow yesterday, when two judges branded unlawful his deci-sion to fix a minimum term of 15 years in custody for the boys who killed the toddler

James Bulger. Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Newman ruled that Mr Howard applied "an unlawful practice" in treating Jon Venables and Robert Thompson, who as children are detained "during her majesty's pleasure", as if they were adult murderers.

continuing battle with the judges and a clear sign of the idees' determination not to let politics encroach on the sentencing function.

The judiciary is fighting Mr Howard's plans for manda-tory and minimum sentences for certain crimes, which it says will be unworkable and fetter its discretion. Mr Howard said that yesterday's ruling was "quite remarkable". He pledged to

The ruling is the latest set | killers should never be | Venables by the criminal jus- | raised more than 300,000 back for Mr Howard in his | released. "They did an adult | tice system breached the | natures, and more than 2 crime and they should be treated as adults." Mr Howard said: "Let us not forget this was an appall-

ing crime which deeply shocked the nation. This novel decision is quite remarkable. The power I ex-ercised was given to me by Parliament. It has been exercised 400 times without challenge since 1983."

But any legislation to reverse yesterday's decision is likely to be overturned remarkable". He pleaged to appeal and to legislate, if necessary, to preserve "the supremacy of Parliament".

Denise Bulger, the mother of James, condemned the judgment and said her son's legislate, if necessary, to preserve "the supremacy of Parliament".

The pleaged to be overturned eight years, and the Lord could not accept Mr Howard in the creased this to 10 years. Mr Howard in the creased the tariff of an offender aged 10 or 11. It was inconsistent with his legal duty to years after petitions organized by the Bulger family review.

European human rights convention. The boys are chal-lenging the tariff — a minimum period for deterrence and retribution — and their trial in public in an adult court.
They were aged 10 when

they abducted two-year-old James from the Strand shopping centre in Bootle. Mersevside, and murdered him on a remote railway line. The trial judge recommended a tariff of natures, and more than 20,000 Sun newspaper readers signed coupons calling for the boys to be detained for life.

Yesterday's decision, if up-held on appeal, almost cer-tainly means an earlier release for the pair, and could force the reassessment of the cases of 230 other offenders. The ruling also throws into doubt whether the tariff sys-

Lord Justice Pill said he



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Britain Rupert Allason. the Conservative MP. has lost his High Court action for malicious falsehood against the Daily Mirror.

World News France is to go ahead and slash

public spending in order to meet-European single currency budget criteria by 1999.

Finance The Government is to get a surprise £2 billion windfall by taking over responsibility for British Coal's

pension fund.

Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, has

accepted a four-year contract, worth £1m, to replace Terry Venables as England soccer coach.



Lord Taylor as cancer is diagnosed

tice, Lord Taylor, is to retire after being di-agnosed as suffering from cancer, Downing Street announced last night.

Lord Taylor, aged 66, will continue to carry out his administrative duties until a successor is appointed.
The Prime Minister said he

"deeply sad" to hear the news. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackey, said: "I am very sad indeed that ill health has caused Lord Taylor to retire

as Lord Chief Justice after only four years in office. "I would like to acknowledge the very positive work-ing relationship we have enjoyed since Lord Taylor's appointment in 1992 and to pay tribute to his great ener-gy and commitment, to his achievements, and to his contribution to the development of the criminal law during his time in office as Lord Chief

Lord Taylor took over as Lord Chief Justice to restore confidence in the criminal justice system after a devas-tating series of miscarriages

His style was in complete contrast to his predecessor, Lord Lane, who maintained a sphinz-like silence with the media and kept his distance from Home Office officials

Lord Taylor kicked off with a press conference — the first ever held by a Lord Chief Justice — followed with briefings from time to time.

He played a full part in the debate about the criminal justice system and made no secret of his disagreement with the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, on a number of issues. Most recently, he voiced strong opposition to

tences for repeat violent and sexual offenders.

He was a strong supporte of the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into English law. He argued that signing up to the convention but requiring our citizens to make the trek to Strasbourg, was "washing our dirty linen in public".

Lord Taylor's illness is a double blow to his family be-cause his wife, Irene, the and a son, died only last year

from a brain tumour. He was born into a Jewish family of doctors and lawyers in Newcastle upon Tyne and remained proud of his Geordie roots. He had a dis-

At the start of the second world war, when he was aged nine, he and his brother were evacuated to the Lake District where they lived with a widow in Penrith. It was here that he first met his wife-to-be, who had been evacuated to nearby Keswick

On his return to Newcastle, he pursued a formal educa-tion at Newcastle Royal Grammar School where he excelled at sports and was tal-ented enough as a classical pianist to contemplate professional musicianship.

He was called to the Bar in 1954 and as a barrister prosecuted high profile trials such erty developer John Poulson and the former Liberal leader, Jeremy Thorpe. He became a High Court judge in 1980 and an Appeal Court judge in

He came to national prominence in 1989 when he was ap-pointed to head the inquiry into the Hillsborough football disaster. His report, which was widely praised, called for all-seat stadiums and led the Government to abandon its minimum sentences for drug | football identity card system.

Founders. Worth going the extra mile for.





Sketch

Not so noir, more a right carry on



Simon Hoggart

E might have been watching John Ma-jor's last Question Time, but there have been so many of those: just before the 1992 election, after Black Wednesday, on the eve of the leadership vote last year. But as he never tires of telling us, he's still here.

I had hopes that a dark film noir mood might suffuse the Chamber. Perhaps it would be like the new cult thriller. Things To Do In Denver When You're Dead — Things To Do In Downing Street When You're Dead, starring Michael Heseltine as the elegant vet sinister figure of The Man

Instead it was a relaxed. downbeat, even elegiac affair. Barely three dozen Labour MPs were in place, since the rest were at the local elec-

tions, knocking up. (This phrase has a specific slang meaning in America, and when I lived there people still talked about the TV interview a Tory woman MP gave on an election day. "I start the day by knocking up. Then after breakfast, there's more knocking up. And after lunch it's knocking up, knocking up,

right until the polls close!") Mr Major walked in to a loyal cheer from his own side. and an ironic cheer from the sparse Labour benches. Kent's Jacques Arnold (even his opening "Number One, Mad-am Speaker" sounds like a death rattle: Things To Do In Deptford When You're Dead) had been dug up by the whips and driven to the House in a sealed hearse to ask the Prime Minister whether he had had a chance to watch the Tory party political broadcast on Wednesday night. This had proved, to Mr Jacques's satisfaction at least, that Tory councils gave better value for

We were not surprised to learn that John Major agreed with this sentiment. "It is the

First night

Sam Wollaston

HE nice thing about any-

thing Brazilian — the music, football, Brazil-

ians, Brazil itself — is that it

nist and singer Tania Maria is

will almost certainly make you smile. Although the pia-

relatively unknown in her

own country and it is a long

time since she deserted São

Luis for Paris and then New York, her Brazilianness has

survived. It's very difficult to

see her perform without fall-ing under her spell.

rich and diverse as Brazil it-self. Take one classical piano

training, pour it away and

replace it with jazz. Add local

flavourines - samba, bossa

touch of foreign spice — salsa, a little Seventies funkiness.

stream of improvised vocals. Now 47, Tania doesn't jump

around like they say she once

black with a flaming wilting

afro mane, hollow cheeks and wraparound shades to protect

her from the gloom of Ronnie Scott's, she looks like Stevie

Wonder's cousin. She sits at

reflected in the upturned lid,

keyboard to the side. There is no sign of any weariness from

years of playing the concert circuit. She immerses herself

totally, bending over the

piano, and then rises with a rise in pitch, waggling with the beat. Then she throws her

head back and looks up for

inspiration. Or she'll squirm

the piano, chubby fingers

nova, Afro-Latin — and a

Shake well and pour on a

did, but she is still a spellbinding performer. Dressed in

Tania Maria's music is as

Ronnie Scott's, London

Tania Maria

Muzak elevated

to an art form

nature of the Labour beast," he said — not a reference to Dennis Skinner, but to the party in general - "vote for i and then you'll pay for it." Mr Blair asked several

uestions about beef. For once there was no frontal attack on the Prime Minister. Perhaps he felt as we all do when with those about to quit this Vale of Tears; one dreads that one's last words to them might have been unkind.

Mr Major said that the pro-cess of slaughtering between 15 and 20,000 cows a week was to begin immediately. Farmers had been given all the information they needed.

Tony Banks (Lab, Newham NW) shouted: "That'll make the cows happy!" Mr Banks is unique on two counts: he was pally with John Major on ambeth council and so may be the last friend the Prime Minister has left in the House He is also the only MP who seems to think that there is something wrong in slaugh-tering thousands of animals in order to be sure they are safe

Mr Major said how pleased he was that the Wimpy hamburger chain had started serv-ing British beef again. "I have no doubt that is the right decision," he said. Good old John. supporting

wimpy people everywhere.
Bridget Prentice (Lab, Lewisham E) tried again to ask Mr
Major whether he had agreed
to step down for The Man With
The Plan, if the local poll results are terrible. (Labour MPs don't seem to realise that he cannot just step down for Hezza; there would have to be an election, possibly with several candidates.)

Once again the Prime Minister side-stepped the ques-tion. "The last Labour politician who was so smug about elections is now earning his living elsewhere in Europe."

As the minutes flickered away on the digital clock, another Tory, Peter Luff (Worcester) managed to ask him to "seize the opportunity" to remind everyone that Conservative councils offered better value and charged lower taxes.

Mr Major duly seized the greasy spoon. "Labour Liver-pool... Labour Lambeth," he droned on, as so often before. Were those his final words to the House? Nah.

and wriggle on the corner of her stool as if she can't hold

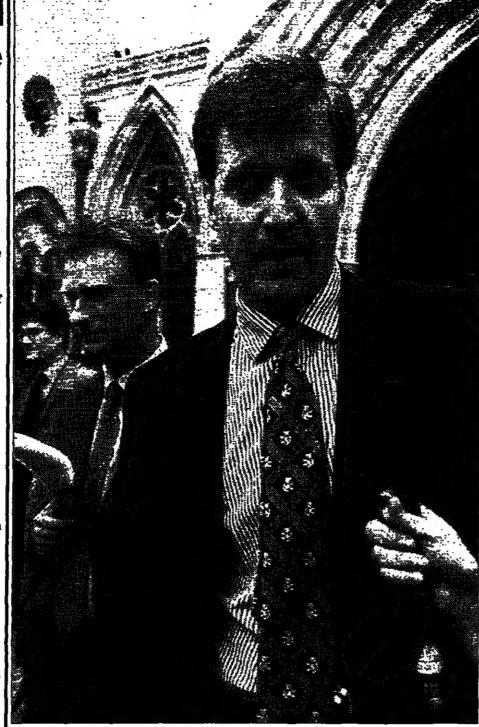
fore lifting her legs off the

drums, percussion and six-string bass — while her right

plays in unison with her

back Tania Maria sings in

voice. Between songs she comes out of her trance to





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by any means a satisfactory witness' and said he had been less than frank

just before the apology was published, he was told Mr

Campbell had been the inspi-

Sir Maurice found that Mr Campbell had taken no part in the composition of the

motion or in canvassing sup-

ration behind it.

cleared of malice.

Alastair Campbell: Judge termed him 'not | Rupert Allason: Rival spy writer Cnapman Pincher was once moved to describe him as 'that little whippersnapper'

and supports war crimes

He wants to have dogs registered — a favourite hobby

horse - and dolphins

MP's case against Mirror thrown out

David Pallister

UPERT Allason, the Tory MP for Torbay, sterday lost his High Court action for malicious falsehood against the Daily Mirror, but the judge found that the news-paper had published an inaccurate story about him that

was prompted by malice.

Mr Aliason's claim fell because he was unable to prove that he had suffered financial loss. The court also found that after the story was published in November 1992. Mr Allason had reaching a binding agree-ment to settle his complaint with a correction and an apology, published six days later. The MP faces costs of up to

her music in any longer, be-Mr Allason had sued Mirror Group Newspapers, Alas-tair Campbell, the paper's for-mer political editor and now Tony Blair's press secretary, and another former Mirror ground and cycling manically to the beat. Next she'll stand a and stare through the crowd. At times her left hand adds to the rhythm of her band journalist, Andy McSmith,

now with the Observer.

After the judgment by Sir
Maurice Drake, who remarked on the animosities displayed in the case, both sides claimed victory.

smile or thank us and we smil Mr Allason said: "I am very pleased that the judge found that the Mirror was false and English and, more sensually. that what was published was published with malice." in a husky nasal Portuguese

— pois para você, esta sempre na minha vida sounds better Mr Campbell, who was critthan whatever it means. But most of the time she's just icised by the judge for being an unconvincing witness, said he was "extremely pleased." He claimed that the judgment had vindicated all saying: *buya buya boo, bom* bom ding da dai or um ba ba bum — which sounds even

The slight roughness of her voice, though to most of us The story that prompted Mr Allason's complaint was an 1-line item which said that attractive, is perhaps why she 50 MPs had challenged Mr Allason to give the £250,000 damages he had just received had to leave Brazil to succeed It suits an outsider's stereoype of the country better than from the Mirror in a libel how the country sees itself. Much of her material is action to Mirror pensioners. taken from her new album Bluesilian — less commercial than her best-selling Come With Me, from the Eightles — The article was based on a Commons early day motion which had been conceived by a Mirror journalist, David Bradshaw. But at first it was and from her last album No signed by only seven MPs and the story was therefore

Comment, so called because the lack of lyrics. Close your eyes and she car take you to a palm-fringed beach, a basement jazz club, the 1970s, the lift . . . Yes, at times Tania Maria does verg on muzak, but if this is lift music, it's probably best not to take the stairs,

Tania Maria is at Ronnie Scott's

Allason

PUPERT Allason keeps his cool by practicing transcendental meditation. But that doesn't mean to say those cultivated tresses (George Best circa 1972) can't be ruf-fled, writes David Pallister.

port for it. He said that while Mr Indeed, yesterday's failed action against the Daily Mir-ror was his 24th piece of liti-gation and there are another Campbell had "strong mali-cious general feelings" towards Mr Allason, he had not acted with malice in this two in the pipeline: against Joe Haines, the Mirror's for-mer leader writer, and the case. Mr McSmith was also General Practitioner magazine. His targets have included the Sunday Times, the

But the judge said Mr Brading the motion, getting a Labour MP to table it, and seeking to publish the story in haste. Mirror Group News papers were equally moti-vated by malice.

Sir Maurice said he did not find Mr Campbell "by any means a wholly satisfactory or convincing witness". He had found him "less than completely open and frank".

The judge said he had given

great care to the evidence of the Labour MP, George Gallo-way, who claimed he saw Mr Campbell trying to enlist support for the motion from an

Galloway strongly dislikes Mr Campbell and holds him in utter contempt, but I also have no doubt that Mr Camp-bell strongly dislikes Mr Gal-

loway," the judge said.
"The same feelings exist
between Mr Allason and Mr
Campbell. The way they gave their evidence made all that clear." Although Mr Galloway was an impressive witness, he decided to reject his

agreement between Mr Alla-son and the Mirror to publish an apology and a correction was binding, even though Mr Allason had not given his written consent. He also found that Mr Alla-

son had failed to prove he had lost a book contract for £100,000 because of the controversy or that he had suffered financial loss in other ways.

New Statesman, the Mail On lowering the age of homoser-Sunday, Today, the indepen-dent, and the Daily Mirror twice. lowering the age of homoser-ual consent. He favours a return to capital punishment and supports war crimes Mr Allason, aged 44, aka the writer of spy histories Nigal West, is a diffult man to pi-geon-hole, which is why he makes the Tory whips so apo-

A distinguished army family and an education at the Roman Catholic public school Downside contributed to his aversion to disciplines that

tricht, he supports a tighter

abortion law and is against

Mr Allason, MP for Torbay since 1987, wrote his first factual book on spooks in 1981.

trials.

His successful literary career, including four novels, has

made him a wealthy man, all are not self-imposed.

But he is no libertarian. A notorious Euro-sceptic and persistent critic of MaasNikki, of Dutch-Swiss origins little whippersnapper." Feland brought up in Bermuda,

sional controversialist, incurring the displeasure of successive Conservative Conservative governments for revealing names and making allaga tions about Soviet penetra tion of the intelligence sar

of Porsches, homes in Ber-muda, New York, Berkshire and Zermatt - and a polished aura of superiority have also low historians have also been

Campbell

LASTAIR CAMPBELL ATony Blair's 39-year-old press secretary, gathers enemies like moss. In the nation's newsrooms there will be many executives echoing the judge's remarks that he is not "by any means a wholly satisfactory or convincing witness", writes Pat-

rick Wintour. Mr Campbell, certain to be the Downing Street press sec-retary in a Blair premiership, is a professional capable, like all decent spin doctors, of the odd memory lapse in the in-terests of presenting Labour.

He insists, however, he never lies in his job, merely witholding information if that s his party's interest. Those who know him admit

the image of a haughty, supremely self-confident man is awry. The court case has been a personal ordeal. He planned to resign if he lost the case, arguing he would lose credi-bility with his colleagues at Westminster. He feels that is why Mr Allason, with the tacit support of Tory high com-mand, launched the case.

Mr Campbell's critics claim he is too fierce a loyalist. He has passionately defended Neil Kinnock, Burnley Foot-ball club and, less passion-

ately, Robert Maxwell, his former proprietor.

Since his appointment by Mr Blair, he has been wholly dedicated to his task, running a small, effective publicity team. It involves the most punishing hours, and availability to the media round the clock, seven days a week. He prides himself on his team returning every call.

He is - in a controlled way aggressive, sneering and sometimes boorish. Charm is used as a last resort. But he laughs at himself more than newspaper executives realise, and his famous temper is often a professional act. He knows the Westminster

election.

has stepped out of line, he will have no compunction in try-ing to punish him by feeding a story to a rival. Generally, he does not operate by selec-

tive internal party leaks.

He has made it a personal mission to win Mr Blair better publicity in the Tory tab-loids. He has never, however, believed this wooing of the Tory press, including a stream of articles by Mr Blair torial endorsements at the

lobby system inside out, and

knows what black mischief and probably his most impor-works. If he feels a journalist tant adviser. He writes many of his speeches, knows how the party thinks, and is capable of bridging the gap between traditionalists and

Educated at a Leicester comprehensive and Cambridge, he was privately criti-cal of his boss's decision to send one of his children to a grant-maintained school, and even less pleased by Harriet Harman's decision to send

Pluralism is not his style. If he ever mentions the Liberwith Mr Blair goes well be-yond that of a simple media adviser. He is a politician, pamby and "Guardian".

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Bronze Age fenland site may close due to lack of funds

Maey Kennedy .

One of the most famous archaeological sites in the country, Flag Fen in Cambridgeshire, may close. English Heritage, whose chairman, Sir Jocelyn Stevens, opened a visitor centre

tor numbers are not bringing in sufficient revenue. The site director, Franci Pryor warned last night that unless he can raise £92,000 by the end of June the site will close. He would then seek another national body to maintain the artificial lake which keeps moist and intact the Bronze Age timbers of what at the site last year, has was a causeway across the refused further help, and visi-

John Carvel Education Editor

ALMOST 80 per cent of seven-year-olds in inner-city state schools fail to reach the reading stan-dard expected for their age group, according to a report by the Office for Standards in Education.

After a study of literacy in the London boroughs of Islington, Southwark and Tower Hamlets, school inspectors found a substantial majority of children were being left without the basic skills needed for the rest of their education.

Ofsted refused last night

to confirm details of the

London education authori-ties accused Chris Woodhead, the chief inspector, of slanting the evidence for political reasons. The report is understood to conclude that teaching is

Most city 7-year-olds 'below par on literacy'

less than satisfactory in one in three lessons, and head teachers show insufficient leadership in one in three schools.

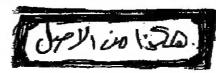
Although plenty of time was devoted to teaching children to read, it was not always used to good effect. Teachers were held back by inadequate grasp of appro-priate teaching methods and needed better training. The investigation of

thorities, but the final report was written by Mr "The report bas been re-

drafted to emphasise prob-lems in teachers' skills and headteachers' leadership", said Phil Kelly, education chairman of Islington. He added: "The slanting

is clearly intended to pan-der to the prejudices of Mr Woodhead's political Mr Woodhead was under-

stood to be standing by his report and pointing out that it was consistent with Islington's own research earlier this year showing to confirm details of the seven-year-olds' reading in inadequate report, which is due to be 45 inner London schools dards among released on Tuesday. But was carried out by joint 11-year-olds. inadequate literacy standards among 80 per cent of



Vivek Chaudhary

riday May 3 1996

HE Crystal Palace football fan who was football fan who was the target of Eric Cantona's infamous kungfu kick last year was fined by magistrates yesterday for provoking the footballer, but later imprisoned for launching his own attack on the prosecuting lawyer.

Matthew Simmons, aged 21, threw himself at Jeffrey

Matthew Simmons, aged 21, threw himself at Jeffrey McCann, grabbing him around the neck, trying to haul him over a table and appearing to kick him in the chest. He attacked as the lawyer, aged 55, asked magistrates to han Simmons from trates to ban Simmons from

all football grounds.

As Mr McCann, aged 55, who led the prosecution's case during the three-day trial at Croydon magistrates court, south London, at-tempted to break free, six police officers rushed into the courtroom to restrain Sim-mons, who then rushed at the press box shouting: "I am innocent I swear on the bible.

You press, you are scum."

The trial was adjourned and Simmons was bundled away in handcuffs. Mary Richards, chairman of the bench, later sentenced him to seven days' imprisonment for "serious contempt".
"Your violent outburst was

an obvious and serious con-tempt of court and we feel that a term of custody is appropriate," she told

For his involvement in the Cantona incident, which took place during the Crystal Pal-ace-Manchester United Premier League game in January 1995. Simmons, of Thornton Heath, Surrey, was fined £500

likely to cause immediately unlawful violence by another

erson. He was also found guilty of a second charge of using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour within the hearing or sight of a person likely to be caused harassment, alarm or distress distress.

Magistrates ruled, how-ever, that there would be no fine for this offence, but they banned Simmons banned from all professional football grounds for 12 months. Adam Davis, defending, told magistrates that his cli-

ent apologised for the court-room attack and that he had just snapped.
"He's had this case hanging over him for nearly a year and a half and has had to run

the gauntlet of the press.
"He's suffered death He's suffered death threats, abuse and had bullets sent to him in the post... bearing in mind that he's 21 years of age... Having to deal with all this and the pressure

building and building, he snapped."

Mr Davis also told the court Simmons had recently been in hospital suffering from a panic attack, and had lost his job since the Cantona affair.

Simmons apologised to Mr McCann for his actions. He told the magistrates: "I don't think anything I say can jus-tify my actions but I can only apologise to Mr McCann."

During the hearing, the court was told that Simmons

rushed from his seat at the game, hurling racial abuse and making obscene gestures at Cantona as the player was sent off. Cantona was sentenced to

two weeks' jail for common assault for his part in the in-cident at the match. This was after being found guilty of cident at the match. This was using threatening, obscene or insulting words or behaviour community service.



Damien Hirst relaxes in New York before his first major one-man show opens tonight. Behind is his polks dot painting, Blue For Girls And Pink For Boys PHOTOGRAPH, BLIEN BINDER

Damien Hirst's cows send New York into a pickle

The artist is drawing unusual critics - health inspectors, reports lan Katz

partment of agriculture has developed a keen in-terest in British conceptual art. Its inspectors have been regular visitors at the gallery where a small army of artists and technicians have this but that said that's not the week been assembling point either." Damien Hirst's first impor-

tant New York exhibition.
They are particularly interested in the work entitled Some Comfort Gained from the Acceptance of Inherent Lives in Everything. "They were worried that if someone ate it, there was no evidence

HE United States de | kill BSE," explained the Turner Prize-winning artist.
"I told them nobody's going to eat it but they said that's not the point. I told them that if anyone ate it, the formaldehyde would kill them anyway.

It was hard enough to mount an exhibition of Hirst's animal sculptures in New York before the BSE scare. When the artist tried to display some of his trade-mark dead cows a few months ago, the city's health depart-ment banned the exhibit bethat the formaldehyde would cause of concern over "the "It's together but separated and forth "like a bacon A single hoof poked out end of the show.

the rotting process".

Mr Hirst, aged 31, got around the objections by pickling his animals in formalde-

cow panic. US authorities first refused to allow the bovine artwork into the country because of the worldwide ban on British beef imports, only agreeing after sympathetic politicians pulled strings in Washington, he said.

Week of his best-known work, the severed cow and calf due that helped to win him the Turner Prize. The work, entitled Mother and Child Divided, has been bought by an unidentified European museum for about \$240,000.

Priced at \$300,000, the animal sculpture which will go on display at Manhattan's Gagosian Gallery tonight is one of Mr Hirst's most ambitious, comprising two cows, each sliced into six pieces sus-

pended in 12 glass tanks of formaldehyde solution. "I like to cut things open,"Mr Hirst explained, tucking into a fillet steak.

York buoyed by the sale last week of his best-known work, seum for about \$240,000. He particularly likes working with cows because they

are "the most slaughtered an imal in the history of the world", yet are taken largely for granted. His latest cow work is "more like something you would do with a tiger".

Entitled "No Sense of Absolute Corruption", the exhibition also features a pig sliced in two and suspended in two tanks which will move back

odours and fluids created by the rotting process".

Mr Hirst, aged 31, got around the objections by pick.

Mr Hirst arrived in New There are also a number of flown to the US. The artist uum-packed bags in which Mr Hirst's animals were flown to the US. The artist his trademark spin-paintings, an eight-foot ashtray filled gestured apologetically towards the greyish flesh of one cow section. "It looks betwith cigarette butts and a brightly coloured beach-ball that levitates above a colourter in formaldehyde. When it's in liquid it comes to life."

ful air-blower. "If you don't like this show then you don't

like me," said the artist. '

don't see how anyone canno

A team of artists and work

ers laboured through the

night to assemble the exhibi-tion and iron out last-minute

problems like how to stop the

animal parts floating at differ-

ent levels in their tanks. "Our

biggest worry was that the an

like the beach-ball piece."

He just tries to "make things that I'd like to see if I went into an art gallery", he said, professing bemusement at the controversy his animal scuptures generate. "I can't see the difference between going into the butcher's and seeing it in an art gallery." The exhibition though has already elicited howls of outrage from animal rights activists and residents around the SoHo gallery.

imals had never met the tanks until they arrived here," said The artist had a mischie-Hugh Ailan, who runs Mr Hirst's Brixton studio.

BT £33bn merger talks collapse

Simon Beavis and Chris Barrie

telephone companies collapsed last night with the fail-ure of £33 billion merger talks with its erstwhile rival. Cable

& Wireless.
Five months of tough negotiations ended after a marathon meeting of the C&W board agreed that the hurdles to a merger were too high.

The blow to BT's plans to transform itself into one of

the world's most powerful international players in the lucrative and fast growing telcoms market leaves it in a strategic cul-de-sac. Just as it is steeling itself for a battle over telephone prices with the UK regulator which could end up in a Monopolies Com mission inquiry.

Both companies face the immediate prospect of a col-

Barbie Dutter

TARRE

ATELEVISION programme in which a Diana-looka-like is put on the couch in a

simulated psychoanalysis of

the Princess of Wales was last

night pulled by Channel 4.
The Without Walls pro

gramme, Psychoanalysing Di-ana, was to be transmitted on

Tuesday but was shelved

after Channel 4's controller, Michael Grade, and director of programmes, John Willis, declared it "did not work".

the show's contents were out-lined by a number of news-papers, prompting the Prin-

cess's office to contact

Channel 4 to express concern

and ask for a preview cas-

sette. The request was refused.

In the half-hour pro-gramme, a direct parallel is

drawn between the Princess's

The lookalike, Nicky Lilley.

utters a number of expletives, railing against the media and

bulimia and her "consump-tion and regurgitation" of

Their decision came after

Channel 4 calls off show

featuring Diana lookalike

ful, BT would have gained a powerful foothold in the Asia-Pacific market, through Cable & Wireless's valuable 57.5 per BRITISH Telecom's cent stake in Hong Kong Tele-com, an even stronger base in Germany and consolidation of its US position.

The merger would have created a telecoms giant employing 180.000 staff worldwide,

with a turnover of £20 billion. But observers of the talks suggested that the steam appeared to have gone out of the negotiations in the last five days as both sides grappled with a series of complex regulatory issues, both at home and abroad, which looked in

creasingly insurmountable. BT. led by its chairman, Sir lain Vallance, said last night: Our conclusion was that the risks, at this stage, outweighed the prospective opportunities."

Fund managers said last night that the rocky relations between BT and the British telecoms watchdog. Don Cruickshank, were a decisive Had talks proved success- factor behind the collapse.

Princess Diana: aides

made request for tape

calling Prince Charles a "bas-

tard". The programme's pre-senter, psychoanalyst Dylan

Evans, who conducts the

reconstructed cross-examina-tion of the "Princess", claims

Diana is fixated on her

younger brother Charles. Mr Willis said in a state-

ment last night: "This was a very innovative concept. In the end, Michael Grade and I

decided that the idea did not

Swiss banks in deal with Jews

lan Katz in New York

WISS bankers have agreed to open their jealously guarded curtain of secrecy to allow Jewish groups to hunt for mil-tions of dollars believed to have been deposited before and during the second world war by Holocaust victims.

Under an agreement signed yesterday in New York, a team of independent auditors will be given "unfettered ac-cess to all relevant files" beld by the Swiss financial institu tions, where many European Jews opened accounts to proect their assets from the

Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, said the agreement would be "a milestone if the letter and spirit are carried out". Representatives of the Congress, the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem, and the Swiss Bankers' Association flew to New York to sign the twopage document.
Jewish organisations and

relatives of those killed by the Nazis have been fighting for years to be allowed to search the records of Swiss banks for accounts which have lain dormant since the war.

They claim that Swiss banks have grossly underestimated the sums deposited by Holocaust victims. In Septem ber, the Swiss Bankers' Association said a survey of its members had identified \$34.1 million, in some 775 accounts, which appeared to belong to Jews later killed by the Nazis.

Jewish organisations claim that the true figure may be as high as \$7 billion, pointing out that the Swiss Bankers' Association figures do not in- | charities.

clude accounts opened by Swiss nationals who may have been acting for Jews from other European countries.

Pressure on the Swiss au thorities for a more open investigation of wartime accounts has come from President Clinton and the Senate banking committee, which held hearings on the

Under yesterday's agreenent, a team of six members groups and three by the auditors' hunt for dormant accounts.

The deal is a step towards resolving a long dispute be-tween international Jewry and the Swiss banks. Many heirs of Holocaust victims be lieve the banks have tried to hide behind their secrecy laws to avoid restoring the money to its rightful owners. Ironically, Switzerland framed its famous financial secrecy laws in the 1930s pre-

cisely to attract fearful cus-tomers like the European Jews, desperate to hide their money from the Nazis. task. They plan to examine the records for all accounts

opened in Swiss banks be-tween the early 1930s and the mid-1940s which have shown no activity since then. Recently released documents have identified 182 accounts opened by Romanian Jews in one Swiss bank alone. Totalling around \$2 million when the deposits were made, the sum in the accounts is estimated to have swollen to

Where heirs cannot be found to claim the money, the funds will be distributed to

\$20 million with interest.

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I asked Julian Senior, vice-president of publicity for Warner in London, if they really expect Kubrick to deliver after all those years. "We keep paying the overhead on that hope and belief," he said.

Peter Lennon

Lottery 'has not robbed charities'

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

ORE than twice as many families are playing the National Lottery as are giving direct to char-ity, according to the first comprehensive official figures

published yesterday.
Ministers cited the figures of charitable giving had not been hit by the lottery. But charity leaders said the study had not fully covered fund-raising forms most vulnerable to lottery competition.

The figures come from provisional 1995 results of the Government's Family Expenditure Survey, based on interviews with 6,780 households, and have been released early because the Department of National Heritage is due this month to report to Parliament on how the lottery has af-

fected charitable giving. The Office for National Ststistics, which undertakes the results "significantly underresults "significantly underrecord" lottery spending, and
is investigating why, but
maintains that they still represent a valuable indicator.
According to the results,
total spending on the lottery
(including scratcheard

(including scratchcard games) is an average £3.20 for households which participate. Including those house-holds which do not play the lottery, the average is £2.20 a week. This compares to a fig-ure of £3.80 for all households, derived from the records of Camelot, the lottery operator.
The expenditure survey

findings show that lottery spending among participating households rises from £1.90 for the poorest fifth, ranked by income, to £3.80 for the richest two-lifths.

The survey also showed that

Lottery or charity?

% of households taking part in the lottery and giving to charity, by income group

Average weekly expenditure (Σ) , of participating households

survey finding that average charitable giving among all households in 1995 was £1.30 a week, the same as in 1994, and that the proportion of households saying they gave to charity was also virtually un-changed at 32 per cent (aver-

age giving £4.10). However, this compares with 70 per cent who say they play the lottery — 4,726 of the 6,780 sample, against 2,143 giving to charity. Moreover, the survey's definition of charitable giving is based in direct, cash contributions and excludes subscriptions and proceeds of raffles, bazaars,

and charity shops.

A spokesman for the A spokesman for the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, which has argued the lottery has badly hit many charities, said: "Our research shows the areas not included are those most affected by the lottery."

The survey findings show that people aged 50-65 are

that people aged 50-65 are those spending most on the lottery (an average \$3.60 a week among participating households), and those aged over 75 the least (£2.10). Perhaps surprisingly, those aged under 30 spend only £2.70. • Christian Aid fears it could lose up to £2 million if its incides with a rollover of the lottery jackpot, writes Made-leine Bunting. Contingency plans for last-minute advertis-ing to combat a rollover have

been drawn up by the charity, following a drop of £200,000 last year attributed to the lottery. Christian Aid Week, which starts a week on Mon-day. May 13, is the biggest third world fundraising event in Britain. Donations totalled £9 million last year.

"We are really concerned the lottery could have a sig-nificant impact. We could lose virginia Bottomley, Heritage Secretary, said it was reassuring that spending related directly to income. The survey also showed that annual donated income in the "there continues to be no bard evidence that people are giving less to charity". week, and also concentrates its £500,000 advertising budget in the same week.



Police in Easterhouse where gang fighting has declined steeply since mounted patrols began PHOTOGRAPH MURDO MECLECO

Mounted police used to curb street fighting

OUNTED police have been drafted in to help suppress gang fighting at a Glasgow hous-

Rach night four mounted policemen patrol Easter-house, on the outskirts of experiment a success, with a steep decline in the al-most institutionalised

street fighting. The patrols are the idea of Superintendent David Mulbern, who discovered that inter-territorial warfare was the principal worry of residents when he took charge of operations in the sprawling 1960s es-tate last August.

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prestigious PC Magazine's Technical Innovation 'Product of the year.'

Mr Mulhern's theory is that the horses combina-tion of bulk and manoeuvrability will deter the groups from pursuing each other round the parkland

ber of Rasterhouse homes from 80,000 to 16,000.

Since the borses were in-troduced alongside 13 other members of the newly-created Disorder Unit, nightly calls reporting fights have shrunk from 12 to two. Mr Mulhern views the

policemen patrol Easterhouse, on the outskirts of
Glasgow, where scores of
sword and machete-wielding teenagers have been
active. Police are cautiously calling the week-old
experiment a success, with
a steep decline in the al-

many seriously wounded.

The mounted policemen are being supplemented by school visits and a plan to create six cases, to be run by young people stranded by a local memployment rate of 19 per cent. At the rate of 19 per cent. At the Easterhouse Youth Centre, set to close next month because of lack of funding, supervisor and former gang member Wullie Sawers warned Mr Mulbearn not to raise his hopes. "I hope it works, but when the light nights come up, that's when the fighting really



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Commons move to pardon 300 executed WW1 soldiers

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HREE hundred British soldiers shot by firing squads in the first world war for military offences includ ing desertion and cowardice could be posthumously pardoned following a Commons

vote next week.

Many of the soldiers were shell-shocked. Many of their relatives did not learn of the true reason for their deaths until decades afterwards.

The call for pardons made yesterday by the Labour MP Andrew MacKinlay is aimed at comforting the surviving veterans and relatives "in the evening of their lives". It has the backing of a Royal British Legion conference vote. But government ministers

are unlikely to be sympa thetic. The Ministry of De fence said last night. We cannot, alas, reverse history. The law of the land was that capital punishment was used on those who deserted and so on.

"One cannot reverse that, any more than one can remove the stigma from those | Parliament.

who had their relatives hanged for murder in the 1950s, before capital punishment was repealed. Our parliament does not do retrospec tive legislation."

Teddy Noyce, chairman of the London and South-east branch of the Old Contemptibles Association, represent-ing veterans who fought in war, said: "They have mixed feelings.

Some are sympathetic. others not. The other day I was reading an unpublished Gallipoli diary entry about an executed man. It said: 'Well, he'd had three chances ... meaning he'd already committed the offence three

times.
"It's very difficult to put today's values on yesterday's

Mr MacKinlay, MP for Thurrock in Essex, is tabling the call as amendments to the Armed Forces Bill, which he hopes will be voted on by the Commons on Thursday. He said he had all-party support. A 26,000-strong petition has already been presented to

To judge from some of the letters I receive, there are those for whom our festival at Glastonbury has become a kind of Mecca. Michael Eavis

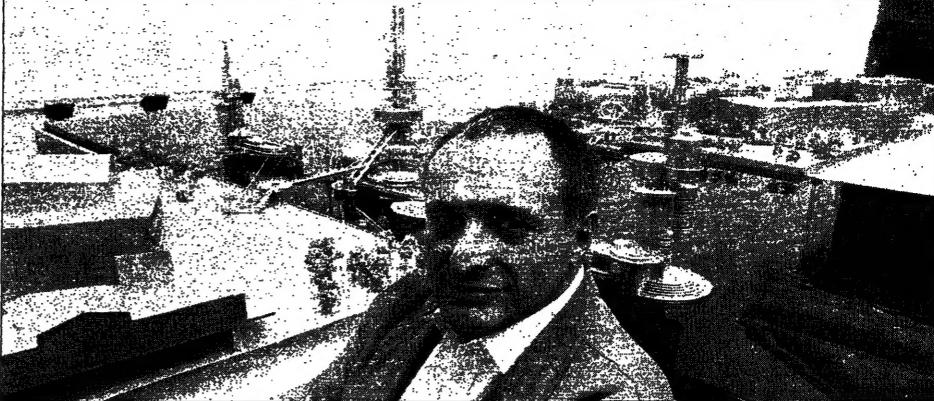
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Architect makes a plea to end 'the alienation and anger that results in the burning of cities'. James Meikle reports

Rogers's blueprint fora Britain of culture and fun



Sir Richard Rogers says there should be greater investment from the private and public sectors to help the poor out of a spiral of despair

NE of Britain's most eminent architects yesterday appealed for a social and political revolution to match the creation of the welfare state, reverse Britain's embarrassment with culture, and end its love affair with the past.

Sir Richard Rogers said vol-untary and community ser-vice should be rewarded by payment for the unemployed, tax breaks for those in work. and there should be greater We have a problem with the investment from the private and public sectors to help the | has."

poor out of a spiral of despair. A new Labour government should create a senior cabine post responsible for develop ing "creative leisure", "creative citizenship", or "a community of culture" to combat growing divisions in society.
The Department of National
Heritage should undergo a
name and role change.
"Heritage is about buildings; culture is about people.
Heritage is about people.

Heritage is about the past culture is about the past, present, and future. Heritage encourages the notion of Brit-ain looking over its shoulder.

was involved in the design of the Pompidou Centre in Paris, it had to be talked of in terms like "fun palace" rather than cultural activity. And we talk of leisure with a

Victorian feeling of guilt."

Adding his voice to Tony
Blair's stakeholding debate. Sir Richard, who in last year's BBC Reith lectures railed against the privatisation and brutalisation of cities, said the community sector needed help from the market and the state

An erosion of civic respon-sibility and changing patterns of employment had helped

ends up with the burning of cities and the creation of ghet-toes ... We have lost civic identity, we have lost pride, purpose and public participation."

In the industrial age people's lives were fully occu-pied. Now many people faced a life without traditional forms of work, and had little to fill the void.

Volunteers already worked in schools, hospitals, with old people, and with those in need of shelter. Self-help tenants' organisations on big public housing estates, or selfpublic housing estates, or self-build new prisons, to supply build construction groups, drug needs, to have a totally

In an interview with the create a crisis of confidence, showed how communities spiritless public. It puts tour-helping the community sec-Guardian, he said that when alienation, and anger. "It could prosper with the right ists off, if nothing simpler, to tor, including fostering developments." could prosper with the right leadership, enthusiasm, and support. "If you have in-volved citizens in these communities, you are well on the way to creating a responsible society. You need a carrot. Perhaps if you do a certain amount of 'credit' hours, you get some payment rather than simply be 'unemployed"; or

have some tax advantage if you are wealthy enough." Less tax should fall on individuals, more on the production of goods and services. The market must realise it

go down poor streets full of poor people.
"At the moment the read

tion of the wealthy has been both 'put them in prison' and we will go into a nice rich ghetto where I enter my estate or my office doors by using an electronic handprint'." This helped to create "a separation where you don't even see the poor

"We are changing to auto-mation because it gives us greater wealth. The money is

costs billions and billions to | there. It is work that is not

opments like "discovery" centres and shops, often with hi-tech interactive equipment that used words, sounds, and pictures to help educate people about their own communities, science, and the environment. But deeper change was needed.

"We are seeing the death of the welfare state, which in some ways is a bit paternalis-tic, although many of its aims are still valid. We are seeing the death of the unions which gave some balance economically between rich and poor, and now there is no one left to

"Culture is everything from cafe life to the most sophisticated form of art and music. It is not talking about an élite. We should have both opera and the local discovery shop. Within the next year, the country could have the first true government of the postindustrial age. New institu-tions were needed to cross present "club" boundaries, where people could meet face-to-face or through technology,

to exchange ideas and form "a coalition of wage-earners, community workers, parttimers, the retired and unemployed who can share fairly the benefits of an ever richer

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The Pompidou Centre in Paris: it had to be talked of in terms like 'fun palace' rather than cultural activity

'Heritage is about buildings; culture is about people. Heritage is about the past; culture is about the past, the present, and the future. Heritage encourages the notion of Britain looking over its shoulder. We have a problem with the word culture no one else has'

identity, we have lost pride, purpose, and public participation

... If you have involved citizens you are well on the way to creating a responsible society'

The market must realise it costs billions to build new prisons, to supply drug needs, to have a totally spiritless public. It puts tourists off, if nothing simpler, to go down poor streets full of poor



Appeal court overturns Appear courted and conviction drug dealing conviction

Duncan Campbell Crime Corresponder

N IRANIAN who claimed that the police had fabricated evidence against him on a heroin dealing charge yesterday won his
appeal against conviction.

It is believed to be the first
case in which the Court of Appeal accepted a linguist as an
expert witness for evaluating
police evidence on alleged

police evidence on alleged Daniel Raphaie, aged 35, from west London, succeeded in his appeal against his 1989 verbal admissions.

conviction for possession of heroin with intent to supply. He served 44 months of a five year sentence and says he has been unable to work since be cause of injuries sustained

during his arrest.
He is now bringing a civil action against the police. Mr Raphaie, who came to Britain in 1978, was arrested at his home in 1988. The arresting officers claimed he had made damning admissions during the raid.

The detectives channed they had seen him flush a packet of heroin down the tollet, saying. "Fuck it. It was heroin. I didn't want to get caught holding it." He had allegedly added. "[sell a hit."

added: "I sell a bit."
Yesterday Edward Fitzgerald, QC. for Mr Raphaie, told
Lord Justice Kennedy, sitting
with Mr Justice Holland and Judge Stephens, QC, that the evidence had been fabricated. He said there had been a "flagrant abuse" of procedures in that Mr Raphaie had not been properly cautioned and had been interrogated in his home rather than at a police

station.
There was no evidence apart from the officers' note that admissions were made," said Mr Fitzgerald. "This is a conviction obtained solely as a result of evidence which the unfairly obtained. There was unfairly obtained. There has been a massive hypassing of safeguards."

expert evidence from Susan said that was pleased his Blackwell of Birmingham name had been cleared but university's linguistics descriptions.

The detectives claimed they partment who had analysed ad seen him flush a packet of the words attributed to Mr eroin down the toilet, say Raphaie. She compared the Raphale. She compared the speech pattern which the police alleged he had used with the one he used in his trial. Her analysis was that it was unlikely that the conversation had taken place as claimed by police.

Ms Blackwell was not called to give evidence because Lord. Institute Kennedy growth of the converse of the

Justice Kennedy granted the sppeal after accepting Mr Fitzgerald's argument that the evidence should have been ruled inadmissable at After the case, Ms Black-well said she believed it was the first time linguistic find-

ings had been accepted by the appeal court as expert evidence in such a case. David Lawton, Mr Ra-phaie's solicitor, said an action for malicious prosecution would be brought against

the Metropolitan police.

Mr Raphale, a former res Leave to appeal had been Mr Raphaie, a former resgranted after submission of taurateur and shopkeeper,





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President nervous of commerce exploding upon election agenda

Clinton in quandary over Chinese trade 'piracy'

Martin Walker in Washington

HE presidential elec tion campaign and concern about policy towards China are buffeting Bill Clinton's administration as it considers whether to impose more than \$1 billion-worth (£680 million) of sanctions against Beijing for its failure to carry out last year's agreement to control the piracy of compact discs, computer software and videos.

Piracy remains rampant and economic damage to US industries continues to rise," according to a report to Con-gress by the United States trade representative. Officials have threatened sanctions. warning the US "will not hesi Despite the threat, Ira Sha-

track" of consultations. In effect, the decision on whether to impose sanctions has been left to President Clinton. The White House is waiting

for a long-promised — but repeatedly delayed - speech on China by Senator Bob Dole, the Republican presi-dential challenger, and fears an attack on Mr Clinton's 'appeasement' of Beijing.

the precautionary deployment of two US aircraft carri ers, a partisan election-year clash may be looming over one of the most delicate issues in US foreign policy. Republicans have tradition-

ally favoured Taiwan. The chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, Jesse Helms, and the speaker

chief, yesterday told reporters | tives, Newt Gingrich, have | only be done through tough that China was "on its own | both suggested that Taiwan's | US measures that force it to independence should be recognised and supported.

Mr Dole is not expected to go that far, but he will probably attack Mr Clinton for allowing China to enjoy what appears likely to be a \$50 billion trade surplus with

the US this year. To complicate matters, Mr Clinton has to decide by June whether to continue grant-After China's sabre-rattling ing China "most favoured against Taiwan in March, and nation" trading status.

Whatever he decides will prove controversial, with sup-porters of Tibet, human rights and Taiwan confronting corporate America, whose eyes are fixed hungrily on the world's most promising and fastest-growing market.
The key issue remains

whether China will be slowly liberalised by an open trading regime, or whether this can abide by international trading rules. Mr Clinton has given China the benefit of the doubt so far, after intense lobbying by US corporations and his own commerce secretary, the late Ron Brown.

This may become difficult to justify following the trade representative's report, which flatly says that Beijing "has failed to stop illegal CD, video and CD-Rom production at some 31 plants operating in China, failed to prevent the export of infringing goods, or to honour its promises to grant market access for legitimate audio-visual products". After splitting his own

party and relying on Republi-cans to pass free trade pacts with Mexico and the Gatt signatories, Mr Clinton is ner-vous of trade becoming an

Dissident speaks Hanoi's mind

The best-known inmate of Camp 5 has much in common now with those who keep him there. Keith Richburg reports

ment views Pham Duc Kham, serving 12 years in prison for plotting a coup. as the most dangerous kind of counter-revolutionary.

But Mr Kham sounds anything but violent or radical. He expresses a fervent belief in democracy and argues that change must come gradually. He supports the communist alisation but wants political reform too.

prisoned in 1990 for circulating a newsletter advocating democracy. Vietnam's interior ministry allowed him to be interviewed this month. It was the first time a journalist had been allowed inside a orison to meet an inmate, and the first officially sanctioned interview with a known dissi-dent. Vietnamese officials tivities and Vietnam's politi-apparently granted the cal evolution. He emerged as request to counter criticism of their human rights record and secretive prison system.

The prison, Camp 5, was carved out of a French coffee carved out of a French coffee openly in the top echelons of plantation 49 years ago in a the Communist Party. remote mountainous area of Thanh Hoa Province, about | only saying in an embarrass- | in a remote prison near the

The warden, Colonel Pham Huu Ninh, said the prison had about 1,000 inmates. mostly living five to a room. All prisoners, except the el-derly, are assigned to hard

labour — farm work and min-ing in the mountains — six Prisoners can watch television and receive newspapers and magazines. They are allowed visitors once every three months and married prisoners can have overnight

conjugal visits. Mr Kham, a former South Vietnamese army officer who was involved in an abortive 1962 coup against the president, Ngo Dinh Diem, is the

best-known inmate here. For more than half an hour, he answered questions about a moderate man whose views on the need for steady pro-gress to reform seem to echo the debate taking place

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ing, public way what Viet-namese officials are saying and believe privately", said Dinah Pokempner of Human Rights Watch/Asia. She and other observers see signs that Vietnam wants to begin resolving political cases. mainly because its leaders recognise that such matters

are a sore point in a develop-ing relationship with the US. Six years ago, Mr Kham be-longed to a small, loose circle of southern democracy advo-cates, led by an academic, Doan Viet Hoat, who ex-

regime. I could have benefited from it, but I believe in freedom and democracy'

'I opposed the old

pressed their ideas in a newsletter called Freedom Forum, which they circulated in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon. Members of the group were quickly rounded up and charged with trying to over

throw the government. 15 years in prison, and is now

Laotian border. His wife, Tran Thi Thuc, has been denied a visa to visit him.

Mr Kham's 16-year sen-tence was reduced to 12. He has spent roughly a third of his life in prisons. After the unsuccessful 1962 coup, Mr Kham was jailed for nearly two years, until Mr Diem was

two years, inth Mr Dieni was overthrown and assassinated. "I opposed the old regime," Mr Kham said "I could have benefited from it, but I op-posed it because I believe in the ideals of freedom and denocracy." When the North Vietnamese communists marched into Saigon in April 1975, Mr Kham was sent to "re-education" camp for 13

After his release in 1988, communism started collapsring in eastern Europe. In Vietnam, the communist lead-ership under Nguyen Van Linh launched its own programme of liberalisation.
"I was ready to join that effort to renew the country." Mr Kham said.

He realised the newsletter would be a direct affront to Vietnam's leaders. Still, he in-sists his aim was never to overthrow the government but to promote peaceful change. "We only called for the implementation of democratisation," he said, "My activity was so limited." Washington Post.



Safe . . . Police rescue a Vietnemese child whose mother tried to jump from a navy ship with her yesterday as Malaysia forcibly deported a group of 126 boat people to Vietnam. The woman was restrained by police

Government tensions reach crisis point in Phnom Penh

Mick Cumming-Bruce in Bangkok

TENSION between former communists and royalists in Cambodia's coalition government turned into crisis yesterday as the Hun Sen, launched a bitter ttack on his co-premier. the first prime minister. Norodom Ranariddh.

Speaking on Phnom Penh radio, Mr Hun Sen blamed Prince Ranariddh for the ermy's failure to capture the border town of Pailin from the Khmer Rouge after months of fighting

and heavy casualties. Mr Hun Sen, of the once communist Cambodian People's Party (CPP), did not name the prince but referred to "a great storm" in March when Prince Ranariddh threatened to pull his royalist party Funcinpec out of the coalition, accusing the CPP of failing to honour power-sharing agreements. The threat had undermined military morale and performance, he said "Because of it we have offered a great gift to

the Khmer Rouge." Mr Hun Sen added: "If they want to leave [the gov-ernment], let them leave. But if they want to dissolve the government I will op-

pose it." The broadcast escalated tension in the capital, which is already awash with rumours of troop manoeuvres involving units loyal to either party. Mr Hun Sen insists his

The political temperature started to rise at the weekbluntly warned the royal family that he would resort

enemies are planning to

to military force to block any move to dissolve the The CPP leader, Chea Sim. who returned to Cambodia yesterday after medical treatment abroad, has reportedly started moves to try to cool the situation. But whatever happens,

analysts say it will be difficult for the two prime ministers ever to return to a relationship.

Fraud and violence mar voting in fearful Bihar

n Sultanpur, Bihar

HE man dropped his face showing his fear:
"Kindly do me this favour. We need a police force. There flashed the identity card of a Voting at Hajipur polling booth No. 81 in the school in Sultanpur viliage appeared orderly. Men queued quietly to collect their ballot papers before entering to vote. But none of them had had their fingers stamped with the ink

that would prevent them from voting again, and the presiding officer seemed unconcerned about the empty ballot box lying open on the porch. Twenty constituencies Bihar, situated north of the Ganges, voted in the second day of polling in India's general election yesterday. The last day of voting across the

country for all but a handful of seats is May 7. A few years ago, Bihar was notorious for the ease with

criminals as politicians and for the brazenness of its rigging. In 1990 around 40 mem-bers of the state legislative assembly had criminal records 600 people were killed during campaigns for state assembly elections last year. Election commission officials in New Delhi declared nearly half the most populous state "sensitive" or "hyper-sensitive" requiring outside security orces to keep order.

Yesterday, Bihar tried to shake off that reputation. It only partly succeeded. Seven of the eight people killed in election violence around the country during the day died in Bihar. The state election commissioner, R. J. M. Pillai, had received about 60 complaints of rigging by mid-afternoon. But that was "bet-ter than expected", he said. New Delhi ordered political parties and landlords to dis-band their private armies and sent 15,000 police and paramilitary forces to the state. But there was still wide-

spread evidence of vote fraud:

which it accepted known | booths over-run by thugs from a particular party, chil-dren taking the places of legitimate voters, and ballot boxes with a few hundred papers inserted even before the polls opened In some polling booths in

Hajipur, north of Patna, 50 per cent turnouts were claimed within two hours of official mid-afternoon average of 35 per cent. "Presiding officers don't even know how man outside polling booth No. 38 in the town of Jahipur.

The Junta Janata Dal which holds power in the state, and its main challenger. the Samata Party, both claim they are fighting for social justice for the poor. Both also appear to be rigging votes in

their respective strongholds. way police transformed Dumri polling station. Unlike most of the other polling booths of Bihar, Dumri was full of women who arrived in their franchise and gossip with the other villagers

News in brief

Bonn rethinks refugee plan

Germany may have to rethink plans to start sending home 320,000 Bosnian refu-gees in July, Cornelia Schmalz-Jocobsen, Bonn's ombudsman for foreigners' af-

"Certainly, refugees should not wait until everything in the former Yugoslavia has been rebuilt by other people - but they should not be sent back to areas where aggres sion still reigns,' Ms Schmalz-Jocobsen told MDR radio. Asked about the July 1 deadline, she said: "I think that will have to be looked at

Israeli appeal

Yigal Amir, who killed Israel's prime minister Yitzhak Rabin last November, appealed against his conviction to the supreme court yesterday based on evidence that a second gunworking man may have been involved, his lawyer, Gabi Shahar, said in Jerusalem.— Reuter.

Cafe to be razed Tasmania's premier, Tony

Rundle, announced in Hobart yesterday that his govern-ment would demolish the Port Arthur cafe where 20 of the 35 victims of the weekend shoot-ing massacre died, on the wishes of the victims' family. — Reuter.

Pupils fight fire

Mongolian schoolboys joined thousands of soldiers fighting bushfires whipped up across the steppes by high winds yes-terday as the death toll caused by scores of fires rose to 19, with 60 injured. The fires have destroyed about 31,000 square miles of forests and pastureland.—Reuter.

Beijing snub

Beijing's quasi-official Associ-ation for Relations across the Taiwan Strait yesterday rebuffed a suggestion by Taipei to resume talks, with a curt letter reminding the island it must abandon all pretensions to indepen-

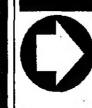
France's foreign minister. Hervé de Charette, said vesterday that Iraq was close to achieving a breakthrough in talks with the United Nations aimed at agreeing on a resumption of oil exports. which were cut off by the UN after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.—Reuter.

Bardot urges ban The former actress Brigitte

Bardot, now an animal rights activist, yesterday urged Song Young Shik, who leads the campaign to stage the 2002 football World Cup in South Korea, to lobby the government for a ban on eating dogs. - Reuter.

Climbing cleaners

Fifteen Nepali climbers carry-ing sacks will start to collect rubbish on Mount Everesi next week, which has become known as the highest junkyard on earth. They will also try to bring down the bodies of dead climbers, said officials. — Reuter.



William Morris's name is synonymous with irretrievable nostalgia and a visionary utopianism. He was not just a wallpaper designer but a revolutionary socialist — a combination that might have been the invention of a satirist.

Deyan Sudjic, Review page 6



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up campaign to Juppé orders ministers to make cuts

■HE Croatian government has intensified its campaign against critics in the press and local gov-ernment, closing an independent newspaper and dissolving the opposition-led Zagreb city council less than a fortnight before the country formally joins the Council of Europe. a forum for the pro-motion of democracy and human rights.

Panorama, a weekly tab-loid, was closed by the finan-cial police. The official reason was violation of property and environmental laws, but the decision came only days after the newspaper printed a criti-cal profile of President Franjo Tudiman.

Two days earlier, Zagreb's city council was dissolved, after being elected last year with an opposition majority. President Tudjman had al-ready made it clear he would not surrender control of the capital, by vetoing — on "national security" grounds — four nominee mayors put

Forward by the opposition.

When the Council of Europe's assembly voted last week to admit Croatia despite its patchy human rights record. European diplomats in Zagreb said the move would strengthen Croatian moderates and increase Western leverage on the government.

But a United Nations human rights monitor said yesterday that the government's actions in the past few days demonstrated that Croatia's admittance had only served to weaken the West's influence. "The government promised the council it would make improvements on 21 points concerning human — if anything the situation is worse. But they let them in.

What is the point?' The official added that when the council accepted Russia as a member in January, it forfeited grounds for denying membership to Croatia, whose human rights bosnia has arrested two transgressions pale in comparison. Croatia's formal war crimes tribunal for killentry is due to be finalised by European officials meeting in Strasbourg in 10 days, but the Netherlands is arguing for a named the two as postponement, because of the and Esad Landzo.

RENCH children returned

to a nursery school out-

side Paris yesterday after parents lost a new round in a battle to have it closed be-cause of radioactive leaks

linked to the work of Marie Curie, the Nobel laureate.
The nursery was built in 1969 on a site used by Curie

for her pioneering experi-

ments to extract radium,

which was later used to treat

cancer through radiotherapy.

Curie herself died of radia-

tion poisoning in 1934. The school for children

aged from three to six was

closed in December after wor-ryingly high levels of radon

gas had been found seeping

gas nad been found seeping into the classrooms. It reopened after repairs to plug leaks from waste left by Curie's research into radium dumped under the building.

be twinned with Chernobyl,"

said Dominique Neuville,

radon levels were now well within those acceptable under

Union

should be closed."

European recommendations.

nearby schools.

Alister Doyle in Nogent-sur-Marne

School fights | New Russian to rid itself of doll will be

Curie legacy | selling her soul

fragile state of the Balkan

The Panorama closure comes less than a month after another independent news-paper, Novi List, was fined more than £1 million for allegedly evading customs duty on printing equipment. Its editors deny any wrongdoing.

The Tudjman government has also had a poor record on the treatment of minorities. in particular Serbs. Hundreds of Serb civilians were killed after the covernment stormed after the government stormed the separatist region of Krajina last year. Human rights officials say

about 20,000 Croatian Serbs, who fled during the offensive, have applied to resettle in their former homes, but only a handful have been allowed to return.

There is little doubt that President Tudjman is personally involved in the campaign against dissent. He intervened repeatedly to veto opposition candidates for the post of Zagreb's mayor, sayng opposition leadership in the capital would weaken Croatia. Political observers point out that once the liberal opposition controlled Zagreb city hall, it would be in a position to expose long-suspected corruption in the privatisa-

Mr Tudiman appears to be drifting towards the far right, as next year's presidential elections approach. Last month he raised the possibility of repatriating the remains of Ante Pavelic, the leader of Croatia's pro-Nazi wartime regime.

European diplomats say the president, aged 74, is an in-creasing embarrassment to which they describe as modernising and pro-Western.

One diplomat said Croatia's admission into the Council of Europe was an investment in the next generation of lead-ers, but with President Tudjman showing no intention of bowing out, a new, more democratic Croatia may take a long time to emerge.

ing Serbs at a prison camp in 1992, the tribunal said yesterday. A tribunal spokesman named the two as Hazim Delic

James Meek in Moscow

THE MAKERS of Barbie dolls can shower all the

clothes, .scuba equipment, ponies — but there is one

thing they cannot minia-

turise and mass-produce in plastic: the Russian soul.

Or so says the Moscow fashion designer Vyaches-lav Zaitsev, who is set to

launch a new Russian doll



Alain Juppé: Running the

Paul Webster in Paris

HE French government decided yesterday to run the risk of a new wave of industrial unrest by slashing pub-lic spending to meet the budget criteria for the European single currency before 1999. The prime minister. Alain Juppe, whose tough economic polices led to national strikes last autumn, called a surprise cabinet meeting to order min-

over the next 18 months. Mr Juppé said he was determined to match the extent of budgetary sacrifices promised by the German chancel-lor, Helmut Kohl. and to meet

cuts. The move was seen as likely to anger public sector trade unions.

Last weekend Mr Chirac said a change of mentality on public spending had to be made either voluntarily or by force, abandoning his paign commitment to increase government investment to reduce the 3 million unemployment rate.

Mr Juppé's office said yes-terday's meeting was intended to produce urgent sugisters to make savings expected to reach £7-8 billion gestions on cuts before parliament discusses immediate public expenditure savings later this month. The budget deficit, now about per cent, has to be reduced to a maximum 3 per cent to meet conditions for joining a

"No figure has been fixed yet on eventual savings, but the effort needed to meet tar-gets will mean cuts on a scale never seen before," an official

goings have grown faster than the inflation rate under both Socialist and Gaullist-led cabinets, and this year's budget is already FF30 billion (about £4 billion) in the red. A presidential promise not to raise more taxes and an unexpectedly low growth rate will mean a huge savings effort during 1997 to meet the Maastricht target.

As the government has already been forced to restrict social security costs by rais-ing extra levies and cutting health care and pensions, the most probable area of saving

will be the public sector wage bill and state-owned services like the railways. At the same time, Mr Juppé is under pressure to reduce employers' fixed social security charges in the hope of stimulating investment to create jobs.

But after the public sector strikes which brought public transport and other services to a standstill last autumn the prime minister has to consider the effect of new protests on the government's

shaky popularity. The failure by trade unions to stage a joint May Day demonstration may have encour aged Mr Juppé's advisors to believe that worker unity shown last autumn will be difficult to revive. But the Com-munist-led CGT managed to

their Paris May Day demonstration and organise about 100 other protests elsewhere.

Mr Juppé also faces opposi-tion to closer European political ties from some leaders of the Gaullist RPR movement who narrowly failed to over-throw the Maastricht treaty in the 1992 referendum.

Under the Maastricht treaty, European Union countries that want to be part of a single currency by January 1, 1999, must have a budget deficit of less than 3 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) next year. France's budget deficit equalled 5 per cent of GDP in 1995. The government has pledged to reduce the gap to 4 per cent in 1996, but that may be optimistic given the weakness of the economy.



material comforts of the Western world on their Back in business . . . Admiral Viktor Patrushev stands in front of one of his vessels in Portsmouth yesterday

Refurbished navy makes presence felt

David Fairhall meets a Russian admiral anxious to calm Nato fears about his fleet

which he hopes will cap-ture the hearts of the counin business on the high seas — but on a much try's young girls. If Mr Zaitsev had his way. Barbie and her playmate reduced scale, and as a potential ally of the West. This was the signal Ken would have their little

drking on British and American naval bases.

"The Atlantic is an open ocean for everybody," Adm Patrushev said, with a hint of

the defiance with which Soviet admirals once chal-

lenged the supremacy of the United States navy.

outline plans for smaller naval forces, initially dedi-

cated to coastal defence and

eager to co-operate with Nato

on United Nations peacekeep-

ing operations.

Adm Patrushev was in

Portsmouth to take part in an unprecedented seagoing exer-

cise off the Isle of Wight involving British, Russian and US warships jointly inter-

But the admiral went on to

visas cancelled and be put on the first plane west. metaphorically hoisted at Portsmouth yesterday by Describing Barbie as gaunt, Mr Zaitsev said she was "an absolutely cold, Admiral Viktor Patrushev, Russia's deputy chief of staff, as he sought to calm unease cynical, pragmatic crein Nato about the reappearance of his navy's hunteration, demonstrative of an obsession with sex." He said his National Crekiller submarines in the North Atlantic, once again lurking off British and Amer-

"Nogent-sur-Marne should ative Council had chosen three under-nines from whose son attends the school. more than 15,000 young Russian girls as models for "You can't let children go to school on a radioactive site. It the new doll, Marusya. She would be chubby, cuddly. should be closed.

Hervé Debaecker, an official at the local council, said:

"Radon levels have fallen spectacularly. The school is safe." Mr Debaecker said and come equipped with a

It is not clear how Marusya will fare against the sya will fare against the hugely popular Barbie, given that America's dolls, unlike Russia's, represent an aspiration to womanhood.

"It was very surprising for us when somebody brought dolls wearing national costume back from Czechoslovakia and

Most parents felt sufficiently reassured to let their children return after five months during which they had been farmed out in from Czechoslovakia and we found breasts under-But some kept their chilneath. It was very interest-ing." recalled a woman who grew up in the 1970s. dren away, or handed out leaflets calling for the school to be shut. — Reuter.

attempting to run a UN

Asked if the navy now being reassembled from the wreckage of the vast Soviet fleet intends to establish a worldwide presence, the admiral said that was not a current objective.

"Russia will not have such a large fleet as in Soviet times," he said, through an interpreter.

In the first instance, the fleet would be devoted to defending Russia's national As for the submarines recently discovered patrolling the British and US coasts, as well as the deployment in the Mediterranean earlier this year of the 67,000-ton aircraftcarrier Admiral Kuznetsov, the admiral said that all na-vies needed to train in the open sea, and to show the flag

in traditional fashion. However, after five years during which the main threat posed by the Russian navy seemed to be radioactive leak age from rusting nuclear hulks dumped in the Arctic. the detection last summer of a involving British, Russian Russian submarine in the apart and US warships jointly intercepting a merchant vessel Atlantic naval bases started order to squeeze resources already after their nuclear fuel could sov, one of the three big leach out to contaminate the fragile Arctic environment.



What worries Nato intelligence is the stealthy nature of the Russian visit — probably by one of the latest ultra-quiet Akula-class boats.

In February, a Russian Victor III submarine secretly shadowing a Nato exercise off north-west Scotland suddenly surfaced to call for medical assistance — something its captain would have been ex-tremely reluctant to do in cold war days. A sick Russian sailor was taken by helicopter to Stornoway by the Royal

alarm bells ringing once

Navy.
All navies tend to exagger-

from tight-fisted national treasuries. And Nato submarines undoubtedly still pay occasional covert visits to naval exercises off Murmansk, just as the Russians monitor Western

But the fact that the Russians — for all their financial problems — are still building a new submarine every nine months suggests they intend to maintain a powerful under-water force as the cutting edge of their future naval power. Britain and the US are building none.

The Russians have also

bolised the global challenge mounted by Admiral Sergei Gorshkov, father of the Soviet

This year, Russia celebrates the 300th anniversary of its navy, which was founded in the Baltic by Peter the Great. In its heyday in the 1980s, there were sometimes more Soviet ships patrolling the world's strategic sea lanes than there were Americans. Now, judging from Adm Patrushev's account, the cycle is quietly beginning

again.
If so, his service faces horrendous problems caused by the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the collapse

of its economy.

For example, years of negotiations have still failed to se-cure an agreement on the future of the Black Sea Fleet, where nearly 300 warships are yet to be divided between Russia and Ukraine.

Perhaps the most worrying long-term problem is the lack of sufficient facilities to decommission dozens of ageing nuclear-powered submarines now no longer

There are reports that at least 20 of them may simply be dumped in the shallow Barents Sea, where sooner or Barents Sea, where sooner or later their nuclear fuel could Russian policies, the Ger-

Yeltsin plans to visit Chechenia before election

PHOTOGRAPH: GRAHAM TURNER

RESIDENT Yeltsin told a local television station yesterday that he planned to visit Chechenia in mid-May and was prepared to meet rebel separatists, the Interfax news agency said. "Russian President Boris Yeltsin confirmed his intention to go to the Chechen republic in mid-

May," the agency said. The report confirmed suggestions that Mr Yeltsin could make his first trip to Chechenia before the presidential election on June 16.

The president was quoted as saying: "Firstly, I have to thank the servicemen who have done a big job there, secondly to meet the elders, and thirdly give a boost to talks."

The new Chechen rebel leader, Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, said on Wednesday he was ready for talks with Moscow — if Russian troops were withdrawn. The Russian Communist leader, Gennady Zyuganov, will meet German politi-cians including Chancellor Helmut Kohl's top lieuten-ant Wolfgang Schäuble

when he visits Bonn next

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Britain rules the bytes

Moral: if you can't make computers, use them

used to being told that they are among the least numerate and most undereducated inhabitants of the industrialised world that when they hear what sounds like a compliment the immediate reaction is to think that something has gone wrong. That is why the initial reaction to an Olivetti survey — showing Britain having more home computers per household than any other major country - was sceptical. Surely anything suggesting the UK has more computers proportionately than the US, a nation synonymous with the information highway, must be wrong: and if it isn't wrong then it must be conveying an undercurrent of bad news (like our children spending too much time playing computer games).

In fact, the statistics seem to be legitimate. Earlier US figures showing higher computer penetration were found to have been inflated by products like games consoles which aren't kosher computers. According to the new survey almost a third of UK homes have a personal computer compared with 15 per cent in the US. Holland comes second with 31 per cent. The home computer in Britain is used for between 10 and 12 hours a week. Although 84 per cent of usage is for games this is not necessarily wasted time. Some games are overtly educational (like city-building and simulators) while others build computer literacy and keyboard flu-ency which is translatable into other

Why has Britain become the world leader? Step forward an unlikely heroine: Mrs Thatcher. It was the uncharacteristically interventionist Conservative government of the early 1980s which financed a computer for every secondary school while the BBC invited ain's technological advance. Acorn is all about.

PEOPLE in Britain have become so (later swallowed by Olivetti) won the competition with a computer way ahead of its time which enjoyed well deserved success for a number of years (and is still with us). Sir Clive Sinclair's company — the first to produce a computer costing under £100 — briefly became the biggest producer of computers in the world. At that time Britain sported a cluster of computer compa-nies any one of which (had they been in America) could have evolved into a major international company. It was not to be. We spread our resources too thinly among too many incompatible machines and a great corporate oppor-

be among the leaders as long as the Government realises, as it did in the early 1980s, that it has a pivotal role: both in making resources available and in ensuring that access to the new tenders for the construction of a state- world is open to poor and rich alike. of-the-art computer to spearhead Brit- That is what the information revolution

The war they left behind them

Afghanistan needs rebuilding, not lectures from the West

AFGHANISTAN is a problem left over | Pakistan's infamous Inter Services Infrom history — recent history perhaps, telligence — the very same ISI that but these days we forget very quickly. funded the anti-Soviet mujaheddin The grim reports now being shown on BBC Newsnight should jog memories and consciences. They describe a war which no one hopes to win yet which no one knows how to stop. As with other regional conflicts left over by the superpowers, civilians suffer the worst. The first instalment showed the unbearable tale of a 17-year-old peasant woman crippled by a mine while she searched for firewood, well aware of the risk but needing the fuel. Kabul's population is at daily risk from random rocket attacks. They are mostly those too poor to flee, living without hope in a ruined city. If there were a UN index of human misery, Afghanistan would feature in the very top bracket.

The armed Taliban militia, which began as an Islamic student movement in the south of the country, marched early last year on Kabul proclaiming high ideals. It pledged to end the war, reopen schools and burn the poppyfields. For a brief moment there was hope — even among foreign observers - that it would negotiate peace with the rival mujaheddin who have devastated the country. Instead it opened up with its own guns on the capital in the bloodiest assault of the civil war. As the BBC will show tonight, it now controls | be done to repay a debt Western govthe world's largest opium-growing area and has presided over a massive increase in production. There is evidence of covert support for the Taliban from another.

which it is now fighting. There is no shortage of irony. Semi-secular Pakistan supports the ultra-fundamentalists: Shiite Iran backs the less extreme Kabul regime — because of the Sunni character of the Taliban. Ethnic divisions between Pashtoons and Tajiks complicate the picture.

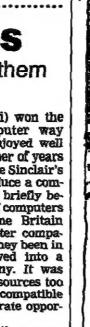
Last month Washington launched what was called a rare diplomatic initiative to Kabul but - like the faltering UN peace mission — it is a low-key effort. President Rabbani in Kabul says that the US should bring pressure on Pakistan to stop interfering. No doubt it should, but nothing will be achieved unless Afghanistan moves much higher on the international agenda. Absurdly, Kabul is lectured by the World Bank, the IMF and the WTO for not satisfying their monetary conditions for trade and aid. Instead Afghanis of all factions should be assured that a peace deal will be accompanied by generous help for reconstruction. And the effort should be backed by high-level commitment at the Security Council. This makes good sense on grounds of self-interest alone: an unsettled Afghanistan will remain a source of drugs, gunrunners and regional tension. But above all it must ernments encouraged the Afghanis to wage one civil war, then turned their backs when it led, inevitably, to

A bishop's home is his palace

But should such critics of inner city poverty live in opulence?

THE TEXT for today is taken from the | to be worth nearly twice as much as the gospel of St John chapter XIV, verse 1: present £450,000 Bishonscourt. 'In my Father's house are many man-Chelmsford John Perry is reported to be reluctant to move into the outgoing bishop's residence, Bishopscourt, consisting of six bedrooms, three bathrooms, staff accommodation, three acres and the only episcopal residence with its own swimming pool. The Bishop's objections are not that he considers such a place too opulent when the lion book loss on its investments in the rooted in a desire to move into more when they rightly castigate governmodest accommodation in keeping with ments for neglecting inner city poverty the spirit of the Church's campaign if they could discard their mansions against inner city poverty. In fact he and palaces and spend more time in the wanted to move into an even smarter real world. As Chaucer observed, if gold home in the middle of Chelmsford said rusts, what shall iron do?

There is a case for a geographical sions". One of them, sadly, is proving a switch on operational grounds. Bishops little controversial. The new Bishop of should be near their flocks and they need enough accommodation to perform the civic, hospitable and religious duties required by their office. As a result of an economy drive by the Church Commissioners, new standards state that a bishop's house should have six bedrooms, a meeting room for 30 people and dining facilities for 12. What shame that the spur for downsizing Church of England is losing members | the residences of hishops was forced by and feeling the effects of the £800 mil- economic necessity rather than volunteered through moral leadership. How early 1990s. Nor are his objections much more effective bishops would be



tunity was lost. The consolation prize was the spawning of a new generation of computer-literate kids badgering their parents to buy one for the home. Although computers in schools suffered from the Government's myopic financial retrenchment, the thirst for computers remained. There is about to be another leap forward now that Labour, the Conservatives, BT and most of the cable companies are vying with each other to provide schools with cut price computers and access to the Internet. Make no mistake: computers will revolutionise education. Last week Dade in greater Miami announced plans to provide chidren with free on-line computers at home because it was cheaper than building extra classrooms. In Singapore pupils at home linked to "virtual" libraries will soon send their work in by telephone line to the school computer which automatically marks it and sends it back. Britain is well placed to

A race with no winners All change on the sex front

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RAILTHEFT

versy about race and intelli-gence (Letters, May 1). There is no "scientific" definition of race of any kind, whether on the basis of Mendelian genetics or any other system of me-thodical observation. Further-more, IQ tests are specified for the measurement of problemsolving capacity, which is not the same as the broad concept understood by intelligence. IQ test results cannot be regarded as an empirical observation, such as the estab-lishment of blood-group or body temperature. An IQ score includes a reflection of the motivation and enthusi-asm of the tested individual factors which can drastically

Letters to the Editor

WHEN the European Court granted a trans-sexual employment protec-

tion against discrimination based on sex (Report, May 1)

it contradicted not only UK law but US law as well. In the US, I served as an ex-

pert psychiatric witness in a federal court on behalf of a male transsexual airline pilot

not permitted to continue fly-

ing after sex-change surgery. The pilot was denied protec

tion under the nationwide law

forbidding employment dis-crimination based on sex. The

court held that men and

women were protected as men and women, but men becom-

ing women were not. As consultant psychiatrist at the NHS clinic that treats

employers blocked such em-

the radical solution they seek to feeling trapped in the

(Prof) Richard Green.

Research Director, Gender Identity Clinic.

Charing Cross Hospital,

wrong body is truly in their

As A transsexual, I am cau-tiously optimistic about

the European Court ruling. However, broader legal and

social issues need to be

addressed if the interests of

transsernals are to receive

equal consideration with what

health authorities have

removed sex-change opera-tions from their list of NHS-

funded operations on the

grounds that they are cos-

metic. This is a gross trivial-isation of how transexuals

Furthermore, while shifts in

public perception have taken

place, society seems still in-clined to treat us as jokes or

circus freaks fit primarily for

Name and address supplied.

WHY is Graham Brown (Letters, April 29) sur-prised that we should be seek-

ing a tutor with knowledge of

enswear? We run a success

ful fashion design course. Let's all snigger at the back of

the class. Truly, it is not lec-turers in fashion design but

the pseudo-sophisticated

sneers of the likes of Mr

empts to sustain serious vo

Brown that undermine at

University of Northumbria,

Box 1TE, Newcastle NE99 1TE.

sale will not, as you say, generate profit for Sotheby's: all

profits are going to the John F

EVERYBODY seems to have missed the most stunning

revelation made by Prince Edward on his television pro-

gramme. The prince tells us that, because of Edward VIII's

abdication, the future George

VI was "literally catapulted

on to the throne". A truly glo-

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cational education. (Dr) Paul Barlow.

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UK transsexuals, I welcome the European Court decision. It assists our clinical task. Beaffect the test result.

A hypothesis based on matching the vague notion of race to the tenuous one of intelligence is difficult to take fore we refer patients for irreversible sex change we require that they demonstrate the ability to function effectively in the new gender role — the "real life" test. That in-Kevin Bannon. Aungier Street, Dublin 2, Ireland.

cludes employment.
Under existing law, trans-sexuals were faced with an in-surmountable hurdle when OF COURSE it is highly likely that some races are genetically predisposed to higher IQs. But some races seem eminently better 100-metre distance runners than ployment. Now UK patients, if not their counterparts in the US, will have greater opportuferences between races and genders, why shouldn't there also be mental differences? But who cares? Isn't that what's interesting about people? Paf Turner.

Bathurst Gardens,

London NW10 5JJ.

iting factors are largely social and have to do with opportu-nity, with family ambition; with motivation, and factors of this nature. I imagine that inner-city white and Afro-Caribbean children of poor fam-ilies would be at the bottom of the pile. Until something more effective is done to ensure that all children, whatever their "intelligence", are helped to fulfil a greater proportion of what they can achieve, the whole discussion about relative intelligence of racial types is a sterile argument. (Dr) R A L Hinton. Research fellow in education, Loughborough University, Leics LE11 3TU.

IGHT there be a genetic mechanism by which a person is more likely to acperson is more likely to acquire both the name "Steve" and a healthy disgust for such "scientific" arguments? Or is it simply that the "hard" scientific backgrounds of Steven Rose, Steve Jones and Stephen Jay Gould have led to an understanding of sepecies. understanding of genetics, evolution and the biological development of organisms Lynn, Murray, Brand etc? Vigel Longhurst. Brookland Road, Parkgate,

South Wirral L64 6SN. Q scientists who claim to discover racial IQ bias are blind to the obvious realities

PUNDAMENTAL point appears to have eluded the renewed controgration and intelligence and int of intelligence, mutable and developed as required to negotiate diverse environments. IQ flourishes in academic calm; EQ (emotional intelligence) operates thousands of times faster than IQ, and is vital to reading moods. PQ, or physi-cal intelligence, is faster

again.
Intelligence can only be measured relative to the frames of reference of observer and subject. Test Chris-topher Brand's IQ by leaving him waterless in the Kalahari
— and measure his intelli-gence by his adaptive abilities compared to the local people.

Noel Bodson.

AM I paramoid or is is just that a certain section of the white population has al-ways been afraid of a challeng-ing and enterprising new gen-eration of blacks competing at the highest level and showing that they could be as good or better than others? Khalifa Thiam. Dalkeith Road. Edinburgh EH16.

dents believe a word he is say-ing. Shouldn't he then be sacked for incompetence? That's what we're told is in store for thousands of "incompetent teachers. Richard Duguid.

Mane chance

fawned over him as Bambi.

but being lionised as the Lion

King has gone to his head.

Now it seems he's been per-suaded he'd look better as

Tintin. Come on, Tony, shed your mane and your quiff:

your boyish good looks are

Priory Cottage, Church View,

middle class I can, jus

Sandmere Road. of multi-ethnic societies. London SW4

Women's work is never done

PATRICIA Morgan (A time for women, April 29) points her gun at the wrong target Poverty is a land which government has made tolera-ble to dwell in when it should

be a vale of tears through which people pass as quickly as possible.

Throughout history women have reared large families whilst working away from home at some grinding, full-time job, as they still do in the Far East, Africa and South America. It's absurd to sug-gest that all these families are undermined by working mothers. On the contrary: they pro-vide children with a good ex-ample to emulate.

In our society, I know of one-parent families whose children are growing up wellbehaved, respecting their working parent, and determined to contribute to the family budget by preparing themselves for a good job.

What undermines the family ethos is the welfare state, which supports people in idle strive in order to survive. There is no need to manipulate taxes to encourage women to abandon the workplace. The market abhors a vacuum ELEN Guldberg's defence
of the racist Christopher
Brand appears to consist in
come in, if we let them. It is and regulation, which discourages this natural order. Teresa Gorman (MP). House of Common London SW1A GAA

HE way forward is not, as Patricia Morgan implies, to step back to the 1950s, but to find a flexible system suited to the 1990s family. Personal allowances transferable either way between parents would be a start, allowing couples WHAT has happened to Tony Blair's hair? We where one partner does not work to increase the family income by reducing its tax bill. The married couple's allowance should be abolished as an

 $(1+2^{k_0}\cdot p^{k_0})$

anomaly. Rebecca Chandler-Wilde. 30 Ancastle Green, Henley-on-Thames

nothing to be ashamed of. All that needs brushing up is your policies.

A M S Hutton-Wilson. ROBERT Gutsell (Letters April 30) suggests that the 'accommodating workforce of reductions in working condi-tions. Has be considered that OHN Prescott joining the if some women are overly ac-commodating, it is due to the about, accept. But Jimmy likes of him, who denigrate Knapp writing as James women in order to deny them Knapp (Letters, May 2) is pushing the borders of middlepower in the labour force and encourage women into sub-missive roles? Anthea Giles. Mullard Road.

Croydon, Surrey CRO.

OWABOUT ONE OF HOSE OLD DASIS SONIES WE USED TO ING BACK IN 1996?

A quick look back in anger

usic teacher of some 25 years' experience. I find unfortunate the sneering attitude often taken by correspondents such as Caroline Sullivan to the rock band Oasis (First night, April 20). I am no aficianado of popular culture, but if Ms Sullivan could control her condescension just temporarily, she might come to understand the reasons for their success.

Popular music, traditionally conomical with musical content, has, over the past two de-cades, so often relied on visual and multi-tracked effects and L J William tricks, almost eradicating mu- 56 Cope Bank,

AS A secondary-school is right to say that Ossis do not use those "special effects deemed de rigueur". Of course, "modern ravishing virility" is vital for any male rock star, but what Oasis offer in addition is a musical content a cut above the currency of recent times.

It is my experience that senagers derive considerable enjoyment from at last being able to effect themselves a mu sically complete performance of their idols' music. The key to the remarkable success of Oasis is in the songs. Kids can sing them, and they like it.

Patten's pattern for Hong Kong

replacement of the current chamber of the legislative council will inject an element of instability into the transfer of power, a circumstance both Britain and China aimed to avoid when, between 1984 and 1992, they agreed terms for Beijing's resumption of soverignty. What derailed their hopes for a "through train", a LegCo which would continue through the handover, was action not by Belling but by Britain, through Governor

The changes he introduced a few weeks after he assumed office were not "extremely modest electoral reforms", as Ms Loh describes them, but a radical gerrymandering of the constitutional system. Beijing warned repeatedly that all

CHRISTINE Loh's article bodies elected under the Pattern reforms would be terminated with British rule, and ten reforms would be termi-nated with British rule, and when he persisted that conse quence became incluctable. The Chinese Hong Kong coming into existence on July 1, 1997 must have a legislative

council, however, and, because instant elections are impossible, that has to be a nominated body, which for practical reasons must be "in waiting". It is to be replaced by elections, on the pre-Patten constituency basis, in a year. China's steps in this regard

are not, as Ms Loh would have it, "to torpedo ... the Sino-British Joint Declaration" but an expedience imposed on Beijing by Mr Patten's mis-guided and destructive flouting of that declaration. Neville Maxwell 33 Oxford Road Oxford OX3 oPQ.

Joseph Lane. 355 Kennington Lane, London SE11.

class socialism beyond belief.

NORTHUMBERLAND: With a | pushy as the greys. "Arboreal bird enthusiasts' group, I have been busy in woodland checking nest-boxes for winter storm damage. In the forestry, on one estate alone, there are 60 boxes and 200 in the woods in the Dilston area. The boxes are primarily used by pied flycatchers, blue tits, great tits and redstarts and occasionally, owls. I am especially pleased to see the great tits, for several seasons a while ago we found nestlings dying of starvation which, according to the forester, was due to the extermination of their natural food by insecticides and treespraying Now, I am glad to say, there is a heartening stream of tit commuters in the thick wad of tightly-woven mosses, dead grass, hair and feathers. A few boxes have been blown down or dislodged: it is the amateur's task to hump the ladders and nails, experts in the group. I in-quired about aquirrels, as un-invited tenants, but has found a home and a mate. apparently our reds are not as

said the leader. We have to be careful to site the boxes away from branches. The mice predate the babies in the nests." An unusual term to use, this does not imply that the chicks are mesmirised by the mice — but that they are actively stolen. The nest boxes will be checked every week whenever possible every five days, and after the first egg is laid the group keeps track of the clutch until they hatch. Then a ringer from the British Trust For Ornithology will fix rings with code numbers on the baby birds' legs. It sounded like a lot of disruption but I was assured that these little birds don't mind. 'Pied flywoods although no longer in birds don't mind. 'Pied fly-our garden. A tit's nest is a catchers are especially tolerant, they don't even mind their chicks being handled." The group moves on to a new block; I stay until the wood settles down Two redstarts dodge about among the roots but we leave the siting to the of an oak tree, the cock - one VERONICA HEATH

Matthew Norman

FAX arrives from in-ternational playboy Andrew Neil. In an nouncing yesterday that the quest to find him a companion was over, it seems we were premature. "You are quite right to report ..."(I pause to savour the startling novelty of such a phrase) "that a Ms Kate Sissons spent the Friday before last in my bed. You omitted to mention that she slept alone." Andrew explains that when Ms Sissons. social editor of OK: maga-zine, crashed out in his bed after a soirée at his bachelor pad, he repaired to the spare room — an act of chivalry such as his role model, Bertie Wooster, performed for Pauline Stoker. In between divulging details of his domestic life too intimate for comfort, and sending best wishes to my mother, he warns: "Ms Sissons is a litigious lady, and may well feel you have impugned her character." As if the suggestion that engag-ing in coltus with Andrew could be a libel! On reflection, we apologise un-reservedly to Ms Sissons for

OTHING, not even good news, can pierce the sunny good hu-mour of Alastair Campbell. New Labour's very own Max Clifford. Emerging yes terday from seeing off Rupert Aliason's libel writ. the one-time "Riviera Gigolo" (he used to arouse readscribblings) was adorable. When a colleague questioned his claim of complete vindication — a bit cheeky, this, when the judge de-scribed him as "less than

completely open and frank" — he snapped that he knew the Guardian wanted Mr Allason to win. If it didn't sound like something from the pen of the Riviera Gigolo, I'd say be's so cute you

ECENTLY returned from the Melbourne Flower Show, Terry Major-Ball sounds unwont edly most glum when I call. 'I'm just a bit fed up," he awkward in the political field and I'm conscious of not being able to help." Ah well. Terry says he found the Australia trip exhaust-ing. "Emma the PR lady — a very striking brunette, a lovely young lady — took me out for dinner one evening, and I ended up going to sleep on her. No. no. no on top of her," he adds by way of clarification. "I mean I fell asleep at the table. I'm ashamed of myself. I must be getting old And upon this sombre note,

EANWHILE, the man Terry calls "young John" has a plan to make the streets safe by using electronic tagging devices on young thugs. Let us hope the technology has improved. A few years ago, Washington police be-came so sick of them going off by mistake that they gave up answering the alarms. Indeed, the death of one tag-wearer eluded them for several weeks, until two officers read about it in a Sunday newspaper, "We had to backdate his escape two or three weeks," said one officer at the time.

RITISH GAS is in trouble again. It has upset Mrs Ruth Snell Rainbow Van Gogh, a customer in York, to whom it sent a letter beginning: Dear Ms Snellrainbowhallucinogenicexperience With such vigour has she complained that the temp responsible has been sacked. "I strongly resent this implication which makes me appear some sort of druggy," she explains. "It is outrageous that it should be sent out on such an important document." Mrs Snell Rainbow Van Gogh, a former Labour councillor, does well to keep it in perspective but may have to watch her anarchic sense of fun in the

HE Diary is intrigued to learn of rocketing sales of salt blocks. No doubt the farmers will take care not to overfeed them to cattle, thus making the ani-mals thirsty and certain to put on weight by drinking vast amounts of water. Coincidentally, EU compensation for slaughtered cows depends on their weight and is payable at the rate of one ecu per kilogram.



Double the trouble, double the riches

Commentary Peter **Preston**

HAD been looking for something to read at my younger daughter's wed-ding. She thought that a half-hour ceremony entirely in Catalan, as provided by the jolly judge at Sitges registry office, would sit a little heavy on visiting British brains. (Though not really, because this judge made jokes and read his own love poetry as well as doing the formal bit.) So I took Penelope Farmer's new and brilliant book.

My family is full of twins.

autobiography as anthology.
Two: Or The Book Of Twins
And Doubles, from Virago
this month at £20, is essentially a memoir of her relationship with her dead sister Judith. When you are still living in such a relation-ship, she writes, "it's as hard to define or understand as the air you breathe — It is the air you breathe". When your twin dies "then you need, you must ... separate; to confirm what it means to be an indi-

beginning to decipher the doubleness". But such deciphering has no narrow theme or thesis to it. We may feel Penelope Farmer's pain. "Did my sister and I love each other? I'm afraid so. We might have found life much easier if we hadn't; for I don't think we liked each other very much, and even the love was pro-foundly suspicious." We may recoil from her guilt "Having Our daughters are twins. My mother's sister and brother were twins. My sister married a twin. My brother married a twin. Such generality is made her stay at home and take a secretarial course in virtual normality. Those of us take a secretarial course in who came solo into the world often seem almost the odd in London as she'd been

tirely fresh literary form: the don for her, they said." What autobiography as anthology. Two: Or The Book Of Twins And Doubles, from Virago more surprising, however, are surrounding clusters of hundreds of pages of quotes and writings about twins down the ages.

When you're the parents of twins you reach for the text-

books. They are not very helpful, too immersed in theor and the frontiers of research too particular. Rene Zazza thinks one twin will always be Minister for the Interior. vidual, single, by at last the other Minister for the Exterior. (Michael Howard and Malcolm Rifkind from the womb to eternity.) F Gonza-lez-Crussi thinks "that the pathology of twinning is largely the history of sibling rivalry before birth — if the feud dates back to the stage when each twin was close to the sphere, its effect may be profound". And what can mum or dad do about that? But you can (like Dorothy Burlingham) be more practical. "Twins, as a group of two, use each other to accomplish what one cannot do alone: that is, they have the strength

maker. And you can (like Elizabeth Bryan) be bang down to earth. "A child re-sponds to discipline largely because he wants the love and respect of the person on whom he most depends. For most children that is the parent. But in the case of a twin the person whose respect and co-operation he most wants is by his side. egging him on to worse and worse misdemeanours."

To live with twins is to live with constant self-doubt. Are they - identical, like my daughters - what Larousse calls "the same individual of whom two copies have been printed"? Or do they only seem to be alike? Can they be paraded as tiny blonde identi-cal moppets by a proud

Those of us who came solo into the world often seem almost the odd ones out

father? Or is that disastrous stereotyping for the future? Farmer has an episode for eventuality and, in so collating, comes near the complexity of truth. I knew that the undergrowth of relationships was thickly tangled. I sometimes fretted on the outside. I could barely begin to comprehend the wrench when, at 18, the girls together chose different uni-versities and then, travelling in Asia, when one went on alone to Australia whilst the of two and are invincible." I remember, when the girls alone to Australia whilst the fought, how they would both other picked Madrid, It was a nes out.

promised. They couldn't af- fought, how they would both other picked Madrid. It was a 'it w
Farmer has invented an en- ford Oxford for me and Lon- turn ferociously on the peace- severance of great courage, end.

Europe that obliges us to

undertaken in isolation. Penelope Farmer helps you to understand what it meant. My daughter bride was fret-ting outside the registry office. The judge was running 35 minutes late. Someone had nicked the flowers. It was drizzling. The waiting, and a large glass of rosé in Dino's Snack Bar, had got to us both. Shack Bar, had got to us both.
The tape recorder on the
office floor was primed to
play Love is Like A Butterfly.
"Don't blame me." said
daughter Alex. "Kate chose
it." Her eyes rolled upwards,
as they have always done.
I read the bit from Ferman. I read the bit from Farmer that seemed most appropri-

ate. It is a Nigerian Twin Hymn quoted by R Faris Thompson in The Face Of The Gods. It is great God Almighty, the king It is Lord God Almighty who blessed you with your twins That's why you had two at

God grants twins to a person Whose heart is pure. Let she who dreams of having

twins Adopt a gentie character Let him remain transparently I gather the firewood of

A tunin wakes up to the bear of royal drums, like those Of the Alaafin in heaven Wakes up to fight for the art of beauty.

Twin sees the rich, passes them by Twin loves persons in rags

Twin will transform a person in rags into a paragon of Royal dress and richness.

Douglas Hogg is not attacked

unfairly.
As for Malcolm Rifkind's

view that it is "unnecessary as well as foolish to talk of

some romanticised alter-

native for Britain outside the

EU": it plainly is necessary to

talk of ways in which we can

better manage our beef, our

fish and our money outside

Europe, for each of these

tems has been damaged by

It is academic as to whether

the Eurosceptics want some form of close relationship

with Europe. Britain cannot

There now, I always knew it would be worth it in the

It is not contempt for | less functionary such as

Oasis and Blair ... together!



Bel Littlejohn

OVE 'EM to pieces.
Oasis, I mean. Five lads

Noel Gallagher, Liam Gallagher and three others, all with their own different names — who, put together, make me wanna boogie. Managed to watch their gig last weekend at the Manchester City stadium, and what a great gig it turned out to be, with all of us singing our hearts out with the majestic Liam as he chanted that legendary Oasis chorus, with its sublimated references to Shakespeare, John Donne and Virginia Woolf, "No, Sally can't wait/ She knows it's too late/ She's da di di da-di-dy-y'.
Magic. And what made the

gig powerfully moving for me was that it was the lads saying a big Thank You to their fans in lovely, lovely Manchester, the city that nurtured their geniuses and gave them the courage to carry on when times were hard. And as a way of thanking the greatest fans in the world, Liam and Noel took no more than £17.50 a head from each of them, just to cover their hotel and travelling expenses, etc. In return they sang their hearts out on a stage no more than a hundred yards away for well over an hour. Charging less than £20 for most tickets, apart from those which gave a view of the stage, was their way of thanking the working-class youth of Manchester for making them into the millionaires they are

today. Cheers, Manchester! Youth culture. That's where the action is, and I'm proud to write for a newspaper that gives it the attention it deserves. Incidentally, the Guardian also springs from Manchester --- snap! --- and at the moment I'm gathering a group of Guardian writers to play a "thank-you" City sta-dium gig, with Bea Campbell, Pete Presion, Suzanne Moore and yours truly singing our guts out to some classic Hugo Young tracks such as Whither The SDP (1967), A Future For The ERM (1992) and — my all-time favourite — Setbacks In

Nuff said. There's so much energy and sheer unabashed, unadulterated vitality in youth culture. The young have got so much to say, so please, please, please, let's listen to 'em. Janet Street-Porter, for instance: I'm always interested in what she's got to say; Vivienne Westwood ditto; and I've also got one sceptics is born of a quiet helluva lot of time for Jimmy Savile. They're all remarkable role-models for young people. We in New Labour are des-

perate to channel some of this

victory at the next election. Obviously, to have Oasis on board will be a tremendous feather in our cap, sending out a message to young people like Janet and Vivienne that we really do care about the very real issues that affect the young people of today, such as clothes, continental lager and

rap" music. With this in mind, I was proud to take a Youth Delega-tion from New Labour to watch the Oasis concert from a special VIP room backstage, well away from all the noise.
Obviously, the ever-youthful
Jack Straw was on our list
Jack specially changed into
his tie-dye T-shirt and orange crushed velvet loons with 12 inch flares for the occasion. Harriet Harman and the lovely Clare Short were also on board, though I had to have quiet word in Clare's ear about joining in the choruses controversial numbers Finally, the much-maligned Peter Mandelson was with us keen as mustard to persuade the lads into plugging New Labour's plans for a Stake-holder Society in one of the show-stopping choruses. "Oh. Stakeholder Society can't wait/ She says it's too late/ She's da di di da-di-dy-y" was Jack's provisional draft, but he welcomed amendments.

E WERE deeply privi-leged to be intro-duced to Noel, Liam and the three others just before they went on stage. Jack was the first to get a discus-sion going: "Might I just have a quick word with you, lads, about the dreadful pest that seems to me to be nibbling away at the very root of our society — namely Squeegee Merchants?" I thought Liam looked fascinated and as always he expressed his enthu-'Fook off, four-eyes," he said. tapping Jack affectionately on

the nose with his fist. "Love it!" said Jack as he picked himself off the floor, his grin a little lop-sided as he tended to the blood-soaked nose with the Quik-Wipes he always carries with him. Harriet then roared into bridge building mode, asking Noel if they'd play one of her all-time favourites, Mull Of Kintyre by Wings. 'Has anyone ever told you that you sound a bit like

"You tryin' to wind me up or what? You could do with a replied Noel. As I belped Harriet up from the floor. I could think only one thing; so much youthful passion - and in one so young! I just know Noel and Liam

will be the ideal entertainers for this year's £500-a-head New Labour fund-raising bash at the Dorchester. And I know they wouldn't mind us teach-ing them how to hold their knives and forks properly in an emergency session before-hand. Great lads. Great music.

How xenophobic are the Tories? Nicholas Budgen rejects the criticisms of the Foreign Secretary, while (bottom) Julian Critchley sees dotty extremism at work

Pride of place

LOWS were ex- so far to deliver both perfect | the rest of Europe are most | changed this | weather and an adequate | obvious to those who have | week in the Conservative Party. it was all part of the Govern-ment's habit of slapping both sides in order, as it would put it, to keep the balance. Let us take a sample of the attacks on the Eurosceptics.

On Wednesday the Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, attacked our "childish xeno-phobia": "It is unnecessary as well as foolish to talk of some romanticised alternative for Britain outside the European Union." Rifkind also said that he rejects both "a federal supranational state" and the could quit the EU. Characteristically, if not memorably. John Major said: "Tm a Conservative because I believe in Conservatism and I take a middle-of-the-road view on

It may be that the Foreign Secretary made his remarks about us in order to counter the reports that he had protested at the lack of clear leadership over beef and the U-turn last week over retaliation options.

Ken Clarke said: "A lot of Eurosceptics would like to detach us from the Continent with which our wellbeing is inextricably linked. It would be isolationist if we followed the more extreme views. It might not be isolationist in intent but isolationism might be the consequence."

But this is not a true reflection of our views. There is no hatred of the European Union in pointing out that we are an island and that, unlike the rest of Europe, we have been fortunate in not having been conquered for a thousand years. There is no loathing in pointing out that our selfgoverning institutions in this country have been rather successful. They do not deliver happiness, security and wealth to all. They have failed

rainfall. Yet in all serious obectives of a constitution, ours has been very successful. No armed revolution. No defeat. No hyper-inflation. An electoral system which provides ity. Respected partially independent groups such as the judges, the armed forces and the Bank of England. It's not hatred but quiet pride which tells a Tory to be satisfied The fundamental differ-

vague and unexplained way, a United States of Europe.

studied other European smile at Rifkind's purported rejection of a federal supra countries most deeply. For instance, the Eurosceptics of national state. Surely the EU an earlier generation were led is a federal state, with a Suand inspired by Enoch Powpreme Court that tells parties ell. To him the 19th-century to the constitution what they German philosophers had been a crucial influence. His can or cannot do? Surely our inability to do anything effective over the beef crists friend Neil Marten had a French mother. The naive arises because we have given view that we are all the same the federal state control of our British agriculture? comes most strongly from those who believe that Pointing out self-evident truths is not an act of loath-Europe can become, in some



forget Europe. Europe cannot forget Britain. Britain cannot with the European Union. Our geography forces this closeness. A trading nation of about 50 million people must have close trading and diplo-matic ties with its neigh-bours. The question is not

whether there should be a relationship but what sort of elationship it should be. The attitude of the Euro pride in Britain. It may not matter much whether we come out and then renegotiate from outside for a still close association, or whether we negotiate from inside and achieve a looser relationship. The Eurosceptic merely points out that responsible self-government is the only guarantor of stability and good order.
We do not hate Europe. We simply point out that in all that matters - language, history and geography — we are different. It is not malice but

mere reflection and obser-vation that forces us to denounce a single supranational state attempting an impossible convergence of people.

Nicholas Budgen Conservative MP

Right wing of a different hue and cry

European flag from government buildings on Europe
Day next week is as arrogant
as it is foolish. Who the hell
does he think he is? The Gauletter of Scotland? Forsyth was not promoted

to Cabinet rank on grounds of ability, he was kicked upstairs to keep him out of mischief on the backbenches which were, for so long, his natural home. His xenophobia is typical of the New Right within the Government and party, and stands in vivid conparty, and stands in vivid con-trast to Malcolm Rifkind's more generalised rebuke to those in the Conservative Party who, like Forsyth, plame the foreigner for everything from mad cows to the inclemency of our weather. Does he wish Britain to retail. ate against Europe? If so, why not ban French wine, scent

Were I fit enough to stand at the election, and were I to hold Aldershot, I might well find myself in uncongenial company. The party — but not the Government — has been moving steadily to the right.

Argus manuae and even John tic, one or the other would be bound to win.

I could not happily remain a ground. Today, we have be to come the party of men with obscurantists whose political mobile telephones, grey shoes traditions go back no further nelli in the film Cabaret. the election, and were I to hold Aldershot, I might well

1996, its composition might well change so dramatically as to make it unrecognisable to one which entered Parlia-ment in 1959 when Harold Macmillan was premier and the party was the party of One Nation. The very phrase might change its meaning. Sixty or more of us old buffers are packing our bags, to be replaced — if the party does at

all well — by rightwingers of a very different bue. As of today, the Eurosceptic right of the party numbers nearly 70 and the Toxies face the risk of becoming a Nationalist/ Populist party of the kind led so unsuccessfully by Hugen-burg before the coming of the Third Reich. The voice of David Evans will be heard loudly in the land. But then he on-land for years. We have always suffered

from our anti-common-marke-teers, man like "Hinch", Angus Maude and even John

to amplify them. The floor of has brought its prejudices into Westminster. With his sly/shy smile, John Redwood flaunts his opposition to John Major. Michael Portillo (El Sid, to his foes) taunts the foreigner.

Their political traditions go back no further than the corner shop in Grantham

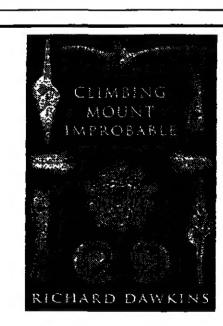
while he is half-Spanish. Forsyth burns the banner. Redwood and Portillo will contest the leadership of the party should we lose the election and, given the arithmetic, one or the other would be

Michael Forsyth, the the "Thatcher generation" is not to filter the views of the Secretary of State for Scotland, not to fly the 1996, its composition might man the committee rooms but helped by the flight of the servatives have been greatly helped by the flight of the upper and the upper-middle classes from local politics; in short, the educated classes have abandoned us to our fate, leaving the petit bourgeois to choose their mirror image as standard bearer. They believe that Great Britain could thrive as a sort of half-speed Hong Kong, barely attached to the continent of Europe, splendidly alone, with nothing between us and the Hun than Dame Vera Lynn. I suppose that all pana-ceas — and we may have exaggerated the advantages of Europe in the past — end up eventually as scapegoats. The right will be encour-

aged by yesterday's poor showing at the polls. Some of the more dotty among the New Conservatives would welcome defeat in the way the constinated welcome a purge. They see humiliation at the polls as a kind of new beginning, as did the Nazis at the end of the Weimar Republic. "The future belongs to us," they will sing, as did the young blond god to Liza Min-

The Major government has been the target of much of the media, which have not been able to forgive him his vic-tory in '92. Teen-aged leaderwriters on papers like the Times and the Telegraph volley and thunder; in the Tele-graph it does not matter message is the same. I wonder how poor Bill Deedes, once a Cabinet minister under Mac-millan, regards his old paper, which he edited so long and with such distinction? It is no fun being in a

wheelchair but at least I no longer attend the 1922 Committee of Tory backbenchers. At its best the committee could give rise to feelings of doubt, today it would give rise to feelings of despair. The Union Jack and the flag of Europe should share pride of place; at a time when the Eurosceptics have done more to damage our electoral prospects than either Blair or Ashdown, how pathetic it is that one of the few Scots Tory MPs, and the Secretary of State to boot, should have made so silly a gesture.



CLIMBING MOUNT IMPROBABLE Richard Dawkins

The approach is exhilarating - a perfect, elegant riposte to a great deal of fuzzy thinking about natural selection and evolution ... intellectually uncompromising and immensely entertaining' Robin McKie, Observer

'He has contributed to science, and not just to the public understanding of science, by saying clearly and simply things that the rest of us had seen as in a glass, darkly'

John Maynard Smith, Sunday Times

'Like David Attenborough he ranges widely, radiates enthusiasm, and all the while steadily builds up a cumulative case ... once again entertaining and persuasive'

Don Cupitt, Evening Standard 'A beautiful, barnstorming thunderclap of a book ... a book written by an evangelist of science at the height of his powers' Michael White, Mail on Sunday



Douglas Houghton . . Loyal and eloquent supporter of Harold Wilson

but always his own man

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Helmsman in stormy times

the few survivors in parliament of the first world war - an experience which shaped much of his later thinking and concerns. He looked the most unlikely man of war — short in stature and mild of expression. But this carapace of ordinariness disguised a most un-

ordinary man. Not many people, unless they heard him speak in public or privately, would know of the fire in his belly. He wrote of the horrors he shared in Passchendaele, of "the futile months of agony and miser-able death" from drowning off duckboards or from terrible wounding. Beside him in the trenches (15th Civil Service Rifles) was a young art stu-dent named Henry Moore They remained friends for the

rest of their lives.
After the war, Houghton returned to the Nottingham tax office which he had joined as a school-leaver of 16. But there his meticulous precision with facts and figures did not satisfy his passion for a more noble and fair post-war world. Trade unionism was his first step towards improving the conditions and status of his fellow workers - taxmen being probably the most unloved of people.

He became secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation. He was a member of the staff side of the Civil Service National Whitley Council and later a member of the General Council of the TUC. But he needed a more political dimension of activity towards his new Jerusalem. He be-came an London County Council alderman (1947-49), and I recall his especial con-cern about the further education which he had been

When the BBC gave him a

sympathetic but always accurate, dealing in his resonant north country voice with the noughts and crosses of taxation, social security, local government, matrimonial leg-islation and much else. His was a rare combination of heart and head.

In 1949 he joined the House of Commons as MP for Sowerby, in Yorkshire - a part of the country he loved. Soon after he was appointed Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee. Who better than a tax professional?

Then on to the ill-defined post of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster where he spent most of his time trying to sort out the social and fi-nancial impact of the post-Beveridge legislation — problems still not solved. He often spoke and wrote about these matters, notably in a reprinted lecture to the Insti-tute of Economic Affairs on vices (1968). He looked for a closer inter-

action between income tax and social security. He daringly suggested an equal retirement age for men and women (as had existed before the war) though he realised the political difficulties in those days. But, he told me, the problem of dealing sensibly with those still intractable questions was that the Treasury mandarins leant back on "administrative diffi-culties" which only he regarded

regarded as "not insurmountable". We survivors of the Wilson turbulent times when Houghton was chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party (1967-70). He had to pre-side over nasty, often spiteful weekly meetings during the "Wilson must go" plotting. Houghton was totally loyal to regular programme called Wilson over the leadership.

Can I Help You?, it was an inHe was told by the "enemies"

OUGLAS Hough- spired appointment. He was a that they had a list of 120 MPs ton, who has died sort of agony uncle, always on their side and wanted a vote on this. Somehow their resolution was never put partly because, as Douglas dwindled to 40 and they couldn't decide among themselves which of their diverse comrades should challenge Wilson. The fading away of threats to Wilson were also in no small degree due to the respected authority and statesmanship of the

> I once rashly asked Douglas for names of the Fawkes" gang. He said: "They know who they are. And I have got them written down. But you won't know till I've gone." There spoke the reticent tax collector with his straitjacket of confidentiality. But I do know and I don't care. Most of them are dead or are in the Lib Dems, indistinguishable fates.

He had a stormy time sometimes criticised for ambivalence, which he described as "impartial fairness". But, of course, the chairman does not only function at weekly meetings and his patient influ-ence was manifest all the But then in 1969 came the

bombshell of In Place Of Strife - another torment for the hairman and many others The old trade unionist was bitterly opposed to the proposals. He remained personally loyal to Wilson but honestly thought he had made a disastrous mistake. Houghton con sidered that the rejection of In Place Of Strife was far more important than leadership intrigues, and it was only on this issue that he differed from Wilson. He said at a PLP meeting on May 7 that "no good that a contentious bill of this nature might do to the economy could possibly outweigh the harm we can do to son sent a cable from Lagos to our government by the disin-



devastating pronouncement for the supporters of Wilson's proposals and the uproar sounded and resounded for several days - especially in cabinet to say nothing of the

Tea Room. These were difficult days for verybody involved. The divisions were not as clean as in the Gaitskell-Bevan rows. capitalist in the Cabinet (Harold Lever) suggested it should have been called in Chase Of Strife. Houghton's power behind the throne (whether to topple or prop-up) was per-haps best revealed when Wil-Fred Peart, MP. Essential tegration or defeat of the that you watch what Labour Party." This was a Houghton does. Essential that

takes place in my absence." But Houghton was his own man - never an image-mak er's synthetic creation, spun for TV. For instance, he was totally devoted to Gaitskell's anti-CND policies and was known to savage fellow trade unionists, especially Frank

But on social problems he was with Tawney on equality. in the jargon was far "left", more concerned with public good than personal extravagance. The old tax man seldom agreed with Labour's Treasury-dominated chancellors (as he thought them). But at least they knew he could do his sums.

recent years Lord Houghton of Sowerby seemed to some people to talk too much about animals. He was a vice-president of the RSPCA, but explained when he was questioned about his apparent pre-occupation that he was against cruelty or deprivation of any living creature. He understood that improvements in animal life needed legislation and that meant bringing these problems into the parliamentary arena. There were limits on what voluntary bodies could do politi-

charitable status. I once asked Douglas why he spoke so often about animals. He replied "because no-

cally for fear of losing their

enough". This is becoming less true than it used to be. But he had the satisfaction of getting through legislation for the protection of badgers and supported the Wild Mammals Protection Bill. He opposed the Dangerous Dogs legislation moving many amend-ments to correct its faults, several of which he alone foresaw. There was no self-interest in this. Douglas didn't

even have a dog.

The impression of a one-track mind was totally unfair and ignorant. All his parliamentary life he had been involved with a great diversity of issues. He made profound speeches on world population and development, the state fi-

electoral reform. He worked among many others on the Royal Commission on Standards of Conduct in Public Life (1974-75). Maybe Lord

read its report.
One of Houghton's most nemorable speeches was this old soldier's opposition (spoken as always without notes) to the War Crimes Act. Many peers agreed that his contribution was especially influential in the Lord's vote gainst this Act.

Maybe his public recogni-tion was much less than he deserved — partly because there is no adequate serious parliamentary reporting these lays and too much giggly ch writing".

He learned a great deal from his wise and devoted wife Vera, whom he married in 1938. She received a CBE in 1986 (a year after Douglas got his CH). She was a distinguished pioneer in world-wide family planning and an expert on the intransigent problems of overpopulation and its

Douglas shared her concern on a wide range of problems, including racial and sexual equality, the need for tolerance and understanding of homosexuality, of reform of the termination fo pregnancy nes sell-a pens pensi nd coffers

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Lord Houghton's last speech in the Lords on October 19, 1995, was characteristically on the Wild Mammals (Protection) bill. He said, "By any standards this is a notable occasion in your Lordship's House. It is a measure of wide public importance, having a bearing on social conditions and the attitude of mankind to

Arthur Leslie Noel Douglas Houghton (Lord Houghton of Sowerby), politician, civil servant nancing of political parties, 11, 1898; died May 2, 1996

Emile Habibi

The man who stayed in Haifa

epitaph that will capture the central fact of his 73 years: "Stayed in Haifa" is to be engraved on his tombstone, testimony to the accident that meant he spent his life as a Palestinian citizen of Israel and not, like so many refugee living in exile or under military occupation.

in the port city in 1922, Habibi will be remembered as one of the finest Arab writers of his generation and a consistent advocate of non-violence as the only solution to the conflict over his homeland.

Habibi was perfectly placed to illuminate the permanent duality of the 800,000 Palestinians who live as a minority in the Jewish state, and the painful type of the Leadership of the Communist in the West Bank and Gaza in the West Bank and G Strip - now the kernel of a future Palestinian state.

Such psychological and pobackdrop of his most memorable work. Strange Events in the Disappearance of Said Abu al-Nahs al-Mutashael. Al-Muta-shael (a neologism) is the pessoptimist" the comic/ ironic Palestinian, who like Voltaire's Candide, finds in best of all possible worlds.

and deflance, robbed of heritage and land but always bouncing back in a landscape where, in one of his most powerful images, their shadows mix with the sun, and grow over time and distance.

As a young man. Habibi worked at a British-run oil refinery in Haifa Bay, where the struggle for worker's rights sometimes seemed more important than the gath ering national conflict. By the second world war, he was a committed communist, loyal tling idea that the only way to solve the future of Palestine was by dividing it between two peoples, by recognising Jewish rights and demanding Arab ones too.

column in its newspaper. Al-Ittihad, and serving as an MP for 19 years - part of the democratic experience that still distinguishes Israel's Arabs from Arabs almost everywhere else. He left after other comrades refused to follow Gorbachev, preferring to con-centrate on his writing and

his other great love - fishing. In 1992 Habibi was at the centre of controversy when he became the first Arab writer Habibi's hero bumbles ever to win the prestigious Isthrough the tragedy of his people — dispossessed in 1948.



Habibi . . . a fine writer, a communist, an MP for 19 years. and the first Arab writer to win the Israel Prize

was a gift from an intransi-gent government — Yitzhak Shamir's Likud was in its final days in power — that the prize was an instrument of division, that it ignored decades of Israeli repression, de-valued the sacrifices of the intifada in the occupied erritories and legitimised the entire Zionist enterprise.

nition of a distinct national culture and suggested that his Palestinian critics were motivated by guilt. "This is a diemma very deep in the conscience of our people especially the Palestinian refugees," he said. "They feel they have done something

wrong.
"Why did their mothers and fathers not prefer dying in their homeland to being expelled from their homes When we show ourselves and demonstrate the value of our decision to stay in the home-land, their guilt increases."

Habibi richly deserved his belated fame: his achievement was to have created an innovative form of narration, fus-ing the rhythms of the great Arab poets and story tellers of the Middle Ages, modern journalistic idiom, ordinary speech and a wry humour into a distinctive style, a Middle Eastern magic realism which jumps from fantasy to reality and back again, blurring the boundaries between the two The language is the bero in my novels," he told the Guardian at the time. "A writer who does not take care with his language is like a musician

wife and three children. lan Black

29. 1922; died May 2, 1996

literature."
Habibi is survived by his

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Helene Cordet

Café society charmer

tainers — Bardot. Caron. Signoret, Juliette Greco. Edwige Feullière - were ex-otic and enviable in the 1950s to a Britain which merely had Diana Dors.

But the star who transplanted herself most shrewdly across the Channel to Lonter here than at home, was Helene Cordet, who has died in Switzerland, aged 78. after two heart operations.

Today she is most remembered because of the hoary. persistent rumour that she was the mistress to the Duke of Edinburgh and secretly bore his son, Max. There was never a shred of hard evidence, and she and Max said "Certainly not": the final truth — if any — is unlikely to emerge from Court papers for about 100 years, unless the tabloids strike lucky.

In the fifties and early sixties, however, with her exquisite heart-shaped face, happy voice, fine legs and flair for the camera, she was an innocent household name as hostess and cabaret star of Café Continental, an early BBC television foray into sophisti-cation. At the age of 45, she was close behind Chubby Checker in popularising the twist in Britain through her London nightclub, the Saddle Room, to which the Beatles rushed their early hits as soon as they were pressed.

Helene Cordet was horn in Marseilles in an exiled royalist Greek family wealthy from cotton. She became friends Emile Habibi, writer, born August with Prince Philip, also a

terrulying. It's so firm and



Cordet never evidence of romantic link with Duke of Edinburgh

French-based Greek exile when they were toddiers. A brief marriage, at which Oxford graduate in 1938 ended in swift divorce. In Britain during the second world war, she fell in love with a young Free French airman, Marcel Boisot. They married, had a daughter and moved to Paris after the Liberation.

After being posted to Egypt, he asked for a divorce. Too ashamed of this second marital failure to ask her family for help, she and the child went through hard times. Once — she recalled in her autobiography. Born Bewildered (1961), she passed five days without eating. Then against heavy compe-

tition from other destitute women in the post-war city, she found modelling work. She was noticed singing at a party and, to her astonishment, offered a slot at the Pigalle club in a London where black-market wealth bad created a demand for nightlife.

That led to Ciro's club, which led to three years of Cafe Continental, followed by a triumphant cabaret career at the forerunner of Tramps. In 1961, with a Guards major, Peter Davies, she opened the Saddle Room in Mayfair.

They bought 50 records and opened London's first successful disco, where gossipworthy names jigged to early Beatles and Stones music amid soher hunting and showjumping de-London began to swing. It was so full that Bob Hope was turned away three nights in a row, she claimed.

The club lasted 20 years. Cordet sold her interest in 1969 and tried to open a chain of others across Europe, with similar decor. The motif did not transplant well; the ven-ture failed. The entertainer spent her last years in a small but expensive apartment in a Lausanne home for the elderly. A framed photo of Philip was on show but she said they did no more than exchange Christmas cards. She is survived by Boisot and her son and daughter.

John Ezard

Helene Cordet, entertainer and nightclub owner, born July 3, 1917; died April 30, 1996

Birthdays

lames Brown, singer, 63; Patsy Chapman, former edi-tor, News of the World, 48; Betty Comden, playwright and screenwriter, 77; Kathy Cook, athlete, 36; Henry Cooper, boxer, 62; Ben Elton comedian and writer, 37; Sir William Glock, pianist, music lecturer and critic, 88: Selwyn College, Cambridge, John Lewis, jazz pianist composer, 76; Prof Ruth Lister, social economist, 47; Eddie Loyden, Labour MP. 63; Sheila McKechnie, director, Consumers' Association, 48: Sir Christopher MacRae High Commissioner to Pakistan, 59; Randle Manwaring, poet, 84; Véronique Nichanian, fashion designer, 42; Peter Oosterhuis, golfer, 47; Edwin Russell, sculptor, 57 Pete Seeger, folk singer, 77; Norbert Singer, vice-chancellor, University of Greenwich, 65; Norman Thelwell, illustrator, 73; Sandi Toksvig, comedian and writer, 38; Allan Wells, Olympic sprinter, 44.

Death Notices

Jackdaw



Men theory

WATCHING my sister develop, however, has not elicited the same types of won-drous feelings I once had as a boy. As a matter of fact, it has been a terrifying experience. Now I want to turn my head when she goes swimming because I can't stand the thought of my eyes doingwhat they normally do when I see a girl in a bathing suit. When I give her hugs. I'm afraid to hold her too close (now I understand why girls give "girl hugs"). I get suspicious when her phone rings because I don't want it to be a guy. I say to her. "If a guy ever touches you (when you

start dating in 20 years). Ill tear him apart very slowly." What happened during this past decade that transformed me into the over-protective jerk that I despised in elemen tary and junior high school? I guess you could say that the shoe is on the other foot — in a big way. With these dilemmas, I

thought I was in pretty bad shape. Then I looked at my dad and saw that I was not alone in my misery. I see him having the time of his life coping with the harsh reality that Charmaine, now 13, is seeing boys. I can't really imagine what it is like for him to see and fear teenage boys like us every day. Talk about overprotective fathers . . . Let's just say that I

would not want to be the guy dating my dad's honey-piepie. I thought I was tough but seeing my father's wrath has given me a new respect for all members of the female gender who have tolerated and withstood the onslaught of

men — maybe boys — like us. [...] The images, emotions and creative situations racing through the male mind

are not ones I would like to see associated with my sister. So I have come up with a theory as to why us men have this over-protective tendency -it's because we're men and over-protection is part of the

code of being a male. Before you say that is a sexist copout, let me explain. I believe that men are scum. I do realize this and feel it is an eternal truth. Derek Mateo in "Words From the Urb" in Yolk magazine

grapples with his feelings for his "favorite person in the world". Yolk is a "Generasian" magazine, that is a mag for Asian Americans.

End not nigh

OF making end-of books, there is no end. Whitaker's Books in Print, 1994, lists 150 books entitled The End Of ... Among those things designated for termination are Art Theory, Beauty, British Politics, Central Planning, Christendom (by Malcolm Muggerdge), comedy, conversation. Education Elitism, Eternity. Gin-and-Tonic-Man (a book about public relations).

Housework, Innocence, Insularity, Laissez-Faire, Marriage, Modernity, Mother-hood, Philosophy. Punislusent, Science, the Cold War (six titles), the Family, the Novel, the World. Time and Zionism - not to mention the most celebrated post-war exercises in Endism deology and History.

Ferdinand Mount in the Times Literary Supplement, reviewing The End Of The Future. The End of Work, The End of the Nation State, and The End of Economic Man.

End not nigh FOR ALL its impressive

scholarly detail, Julius's study is only the beginning of a long process of revisionist criticism which should diminish the overwhelming. stifling cultural authority which Eliot's oeuvre has acouired.I have been reading him for more than thirty years, and teaching him for more than twenty - his worl seems endlessly subtle and intelligent, many of his cadences are perfect, but there is a malignity in it which is

quiet, because like a true politician Eliot never apologises and he never explains. Tom Faulin in a long, thought ful review of Anthony Julius's "TS Eliot, Anti-Semitism and Literary Form, "in The Lon-don Review of Books. Some of

the other reviews of Julius's book have been sniffy and dismissive. Julius is a lawyer as well as a scholar. He is currently acting for the Princess of Wales in her divorce.

Countdown

THE "millennium problem has amused computer buffs for vears. Wall Street, reports Barron's, has twigged that millions of dollars can be made from it:

The problem involves the way dates are expressed in mainframe computers that remain in widespread use by insurance companies, banks, securites firms and other big outfits When these systems were designed in the 1960s and 1970s, years were expressed using only two digits, not four. because memory was costly. and because programmers

didn't dream the system As 1999 changes to 2000 these systems will become confused and think the new

year is realy 1900, with poten tially disastrous results. A person born in 1925 could go From being 74 in 1999 to minus 25 in 2000. In some cases, computers would strip away the minus sign and conclude that the person is 25. Automatic tellers could stop



Yolk . . . sibling problems

working and drivers' licences and insurance policies coculd be cancelled because computer systems would think people haven't been born yet. A phone call that carries over into 2000 could generate a bill for 99 years [...] "This may not be computer Armageddon, but everyone I've spoken to says the problem is real." says Paul Gillin, editor of Com-

Tee time

puter World.

I SPEAK of Arnold Schwarzenegger's purchase of a set of President Kennedy's golf clubs. Schwarzenegger's winning bid was \$772,500. James Barron, a New York Times reporter, calculated that this was 858 times more than Sotheby's estimate of what the clubs would bring. Everybody bid crazily higher than the Sotheby's estimates on everything, but nobody else nobody — went to a multi-ple of 858. So by one measure, Schwarzenegger was the big-gest spender of all. Russell Baker. in the New York Times, on the big

Excuse me

actual excuse notes from parents (including spelling)" from the Office of Educational Assessment at the University of Washington: Please excuse Gloria from Jim today. She is administrating.

The following is a collection of

Dear School: Please ekscuse John being absent on Jan. 28. 29, 30, 31,32, and also 33. Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault. Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we

found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday. My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent a weekend with the

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City braced for selling wave after telecoms talks collapse and Government blocks power predators | Notebook

BT pricks merger bubble

Lisa Buckingham, Paul Murphy and Chris Barrie

in the City that the "merger-mania" bubble, which has kept the London stock market at record highs out that US employment fig-over recent weeks, has burst following the after-hours and later today — could also sour nouncement that the planned | market sentiment. £33 billion merger between British Telecom and Cable &

Wireless has been scrapped. The news came on the heels of the Government's statement that it would retain its "golden shares" in the two main electricity generating

David Hendo

Nestminster Correspondent

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be split equally between en-

and white-collar staff, and the

Treasury, the National Audit

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on British Coal's privatisa-

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companies, National Power companies closed almost 30 and PowerGen — effectively points lower at 3776.4 even beblocking potential bids by US

The City was already braced for a bout of political jitters following last night's local election results, but analysts were also quick to point

"There are a lot of negative factors to deal with here," one senior dealer said. The stock market has been looking ner-vous all week and this could be the trigger for some wholesale selling

The FTSE 100 index of top

will go to the Government

The auditors are critical of

cost overruns incurred by the

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Chance for legal advice. Dur-

ing one year, 1994, fees to legal advisors exceeded their budget by 86 per cent. Other budget overruns in-

cluded 748 per cent on mining

consultants and 483 per cent on environment consultants.

The auditors criticise the

ministry for appointing Roth-childs without making de-

other £4.3 million went to ac-countants Touche Ross.

The NAO criticises civil

servants' handling of the

£37 million bill for privatisa-

The auditors say the DTT's coal privatisation unit was unaware that the ministry's

Insolvency Service was investigating Tony Budge, chief ex-ecutive of RJB Mining, which paid £815 million for the bulk

The inquiry into whether Mr Budge should be disquali-

fied as a company director

after his previous company

went into administrative

receivership eventually cleared him. But the auditors

note that "any action to apply for a disqualification order against him could have had a

significant impact on the RJB

tion advisers.

of British Coal.

22 billion windfall to pay a success fee of equivalent to a lp 22.5 million to the merchant

The fund is heading for a ments for advisers was £4 billion surplus which will £12.7 million to Clifford

Government Actuary - will tailed comparisons with other come too late to help Chancel shortlisted bidders. Roth-lor Kenneth Clarke with the childs received a total of

four years' work.

when the fund is wound up.

points lower at 3776.4 even be-fore the announcement from BT. After-hours dealings on the futures exchange sug-gested this key indicator could fall another 50 points first thing this morning.

BT and C&W shares were expected to lead the fall in stocks after news of the collapsed merger talks stunned investors last night. A merger would have cre-

ated an international telecoms group with sales of more than £20 billion a year and 180,000 employees. It was BT's second attempt to net C&W and create a global combine valued at around esa billion.

BT shares were already 8p off yesterday at 352p, while C&W shares had risen 3p to 524p. In New York, traders reacted by slashing prices, with BT falling the equivalent of 9p and C&W the equivalent

One analyst forecast that C&W shares would fall more sharply than BT shares in London because its price included greater expectation of a successful outcome. There were also some prediction. however, that C&W shares would be supported by bid speculation now that the BT talks had collansed.

One fund manager said the collapse of the talks was "an

embarrassing setback". An quick to point the finger of other said: "This is really bad | blame at BT's senior execunews. C&W is now definitely in play [as a takeover target]

An analyst predicted that angry institutional investors would "nudge" BT towards rewarding shareholders for their patience throughout the talks with some form of special package.

BT sought to soften the blow by indicating it would work with C&W subsidiaries and would look for alliances in the Far East such as KDD. Telstra and Korea Telecom. But some shareholders were

One substantial shareand the pressure on BT to 'do holder in both companies something' is bound to said: "The fact that BT has failed to deliver again doesn' say much very positive about its management. If they now just come out with a load of platitudes rather than a well thought-out plan for the future without C&W. I think they will come under pres-

> "In these circumstances it would be too much to have one share in both companies: unfortunately most of us have got an awful lot more than

Lost connection irks phone firms



Edited by Mark Milner

ADY Thatcher once deacribed the then Cabinet minister Lord Young, the former Cable & Wireless chairman, as a man who brought her solutions, not problems. Unfortunately, over the five months C&W and BT have been discussing an alliance they saw as a solu-tion to a number of issues, all they found were problems.

But in failing to solve the complex difficulties standing in the way of a merger, C&W and BT have effectively created another archies. ated another problem. What do they do now?

In agreeing to talks with BT, C&W may well be regarded as having put itself in play — though the balance of risk and reward which is said to have cooled BT's ar-dour could similarly influence other potential partners

BT now has to look at alternative ways of plugging the gaps in its coverage, not least in Asia, that C&W would have filled so neatly.

In the short term, BT might ease shareholder disappointment at the loss of what looked an exciting prospect by some kind of sweetener, perhaps a special dividend. C&W may be able to soothe some concerns by appointing a heavyweight chief executive capable of convincing the

City and the telecommunica-

tions industry the company

can prosper in a flercely competitive global industry.

That does nothing for the longer term. Yet amid the incompanies are unlikely to have completely lost sight of the advantages they believed

a merger could bring.
It may be that they will be tempted to look for other partpers. It could also be that the two can find more modest ways of cooperation which rather than problems.

Learn from Tories

ABOUR will be hoping it is like this in a year's time. Seats won, the swingometer moving in its di-Street swinging open. But if that is the scenario

when the general election comes, Labour's problems may only just be beginning. As the London Business School points out today, the putative Chancellor, Gordon Brown, could be faced with some tough fiscal decisions.

Mr Brown is aware that every special interest group in the land will be seeking Treasury redress from 18 years of Conservative rule. He also knows that the budget deficit will be too high for comfort in the sixth year of its intentions clear, Earlier this week, Mr Brown said saved before it could be spent. This is wise, both politically and economically. The Wilson and Callaghan

and seventies found to their cost that playing fast and loose with the public finances in the first two years of the electoral cycle meant tightening fiscal policy in the second half of a parliament. As the defeats of 1970 and 1979 showed, it was a bad strategy.

The economic case is equally persuasive. The fi-nancial markets will react badly if the deficit starts to rise sharply. Bond yields will be forced up; a trap door will open under sterling.

In addition, the peculiar shape of the British economy means that a policy con-structed around fiscal laxity will almost certainly lead to the familiar problems of under-capacity, balance of payments deficits and

Unpopular it may have been, but the combination of loose monetary policy and tight fiscal policy in recent years has been good for Britain, making exports and investment cheaper while keeping the lid on spending. That formula should not be ahandoned

Body blow

ODY SHOP is an un-Busual company, which faces unusual difficulties in pursuing and promoting its values. But it also faces problems familiar to British retailers that have attempted to transplant their successful It is another country, you might say; they do things differently there. Yet too many businesses have assumed that because the language is similar the formula will work sim-

Body shop chairman Gordon Roddick admitted yesterday that the company had been naive in that belief. He now knows very well that life in US retailing is much tougher than in the UK, and that it will not be easy to reverse the alarming decline in store sales, thus restoring the US operation to profit. The crucial question is

whether Body Shop is actually offering anything unique, or even markedly different.
And even if it is, whether it can persuade enough scepti-cal US shoppers that is the

There are plenty of people in this country who believe they can get products in Boots, Marks & Spencer or even Sainsbury which are just as good and just as "natu-ral" as the stuff they pay higher prices for at Body Shop. But the chain is suffi-ciently well established not to notice that challenge too much, and its green, animal-friendly values help to make a difference.
In the US, it is still attempt-

ing to become established, and those values are much less well known. Hard times can therefore be expected to continue, financed increasconomic recovery.

Labour has already made lapan and elsewhere in Asia.

Lang pulls plug on takeover binge

belated moves to block the generation game

to call a belated halt yesterday to the take-over binge that has overtaken the electricity sector in the run-up to the general election, by effectively blocking politically embar-rassing bids for the genera-tors, National Power and

PowerGen.
In a move which caused derision in the industry and the City, Trade Secretary lan Lang said that Government would retain golden shares in the generators which prevent any outside investors owning more than a 15 per cent

stake.

He said the decision would hold until the Government was confident that the electricity market had the electricity market had become competitive enough — a broad hint that it would wait until the liberalisation of the domestic power market in 1998 or after the election next year. The DTI said the Government thought it should retain the golden shares in view of the importance of the two companies as independent generating companies. But it added: "As and when the Government is when the Government is when the Government is when the Government is when the the condition and capital structure."

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SIMON BEAVIS on | quate competition in the generation and supply markets it will be prepared to consider whether to redeem the special shares."
The announcement —

which now moves bid specu-lation back to the six regional electricity companies not yet taken over — sent industry shares into a tailspin for the second time in a week, following last week's announcement by Mr Lang that he was block-ing bids by National Power and PowerGen for two regional companies. One industry observer

said: "Privatisation was supposed to stop political interference but in the last week it seems to have come back at a rate of knots." the move to block the bids was widely seen as a political attempt to quell protests on the Tory right at the generators' growing

monopoly powers.

It was also seen as a direct hint to the Southern Company of Atlanta, Georgia, that the US group's expectations of interest in hid-

gia, that the US group's expressions of interest in bidding for National Power were unwelcome.

Earlier this week National Power was forced to go to the Takeover Panel to try to force Southern to declare its intentions after the US firm took delivery of the National full share



Who's sending the letter bombs?

at others attending the Barclays funfest

ertheless, shareholders at Barclays' annual meeting yes-terday faced having theirs searched as many as three times by legions of security guards, private security consultants and bank staff acting as bag inspectors.

With such enthusiastic assistance on hand, the police — yes the Met was there too — yes the Met was there too clays 25 home-made devices sending hundreds of "devas-against it.

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Although the security ar-rangements would put Presi-dent Clinton's CIA entourage to shame, they were not de-signed to protect a head of state who happens to have a few Barclays shares. In the wake of threats from

the so-called Mardi Gras bomber — who has sent Bar-

Sarah Whitebloom casts anxious glances | was taking no chances. And bank's "war of attrition" no one at the meeting was objecting. If the bomber is —as given rise to the Mardi Gras many believe — an extremely disgruntled Barclays cusbomber. For once, however, Safe's tomer, he may well have de-cided to make his mark along-overshadowed. For all any-

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Mr Buxton moved on swiftly to the next disgruntled

Mr Odey is perhaps the best

THE Bank of England's

experiment with an out-side head of personnel ended abruptly yesterday with the news that Roy Lecky-Thompson is to leave after a troubled 18-month reign.
Mr Lecky-Thompson was

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brought in by the former deputy governor, Rupert Pennant-Rea, at the end of 1994 to provide private-sector expertise on a five-year contract. Within three months of Mr Pennant-Rea had resigned under a cloud and the personnel chief never found favour with the Bank's hierarhy or staff, who were unhappy with job cuts and reorganisation.

The new deputy gover-nor. Howard Davies, has cashier at present.

been trying to restore bat-tered morale at the Bank since arriving last autumn and is said to have had different views about the future direction of personnel policy. A Bank spokesman said that, in the light of discus-

Old Lady's personnel chief quits

as outsider experiment founders

sions with Mr Davies, Mr Lecky-Thompson had de-cided "that it was in both his and the Bank's interests" to leave. It is understood the Bank was unhappy that its personnel strategy — a revamp of pay structures, job eval-

uations and career development - was not being pushed forward as actively as senior officials had hoped. When Mr Lecky-Thomp-

son leaves at the end of June he will be replaced by a Bank insider, Merlyn Lowther, who is the deputy

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Guru takes a £19m pay cut

Patrick Donovan

ITY investment guru Crispin Odey has lost his ranking as the third highest paid person in Britain after taking a salary cut of more than £19 million. more than £19 million. he was bettered only by singer Phil Collins and the have fallen from £19.256,000 to Formula One racing proa paltry £171,000 after his

Odey Asset Management com-pany made a loss, according to latest accounts lodged with Companies House. City-based Odey Asset Man-

reputation as one of the City's leading investors. Last year's results saw Mr Odey's earnings top those of people like rock musicians Elton John and Eric Clapton. Within the high-pay stakes

moter Bernie Ecclestone. The company papers fore-cast a "better performance" during the current year on

Odey's funds under manage-ment which total \$316 million. around half the amount he had available for investment

itably damage Harrow and during the financial year but amounts ranging from £15,000 Oxford-educated Mr Odey's no detailed information is to £3 million. provided about the investment activities, beyond con-firmation that they are regulated by Imro and are related to the management of funds within Europe. Odey's financial results.

> line problems confronting specialist "hedge funds". His big investors are believed to include fund managers like Hermitage and Global Asset

ticated financial instruments.

known hedge fund manager in the City but others, such as Wall Street's George Soros or Julian Robertson of Tiger, are figures. however, will further under-The reputation of the hedge fund industry has suffered problems recovering from the 1994 market falls when they

were largely blamed for the selling deluge. Typically hedge funds charge a 1 per Funds such as Odey are vehicles which rely on leveraging up sums for investment of around 20 per cent of net many times over with sophis- | profits each quarter.

Most hedge funds would ex-

Lobby group mines sarcastic vein of protest as it accuses RTZ of destroying Papuan tribesmen's ancient heritage

PROTESTERS drove a digger up to the head-quarters of RTZ in St James Square. London yesterday to demand that the world's biggest mining firm stop investing in a mine in the Indonesian-occupied part of New Guinea.

The World Development Movement says lands and the lives of inhabitants are being destroyed by the Grasberg copper and gold mine. The remote area, of what is called West Papua by tribesmen and Irian Jaya by the Indonesians.

has been the scene of riots. RTZ is considering raising its stake in the mine from 12 per cent to 40 per cent to finance a 50 per cent

expansion of the mine. RTZ's investment is critical for an expansion the people there don't want," said Harriet Lamb, acting director of the lobby group. outside RTZ's offices.

RTZ said the mine operated to internationally acceptable social and environmental standards and that agreement had been last month for extra invest-ments in education and



Blair to face double whammy on tax

Sarah Ryle

ONY Blair's New abour, if elected to government, will be plunged straight into the dilemma of tax Increases and interest rate rises by an economic muni-hoom and weak public finances, a leading academic says today.

An incoming Labour chancellor would have to raise taxes to pay for the party's plans to boost public spendthe Chancellor. Kenneth | year compared to a Budget | Clarke's panel of independent | forecast of £29 billion, be-Clarke's panel of independent

In an article published by the London Business School, the director of the Centre for that Labour's chancellor -likely to be Gordon Brown would face tough decisions on taxes and public spending.

These would be partly created by buoyant economic conditions which would fuel Inflationary pressure, but also by the poor state of the public finances. The public ing, according to Andrew Sen-tance, who was a member of ment was £32.2 billion last

leved to be due to lower-thanthe shortfall in tax revenue which could cause further

If Mr Clarke cuts another penny off the 24p basic rate of income tax before the General Election, as the LBS says he would be likely to, he would leave Labour with an even bigger problem. He might be less likely to worry about the sustainability of such a cut if he thinks somebody else will have

be held by May 1997 and, the expected tax receipts. The my will have strengthened Treasury is still investigating considerably by then. It predicts a growth in national output of 3.2 per cent in 1997, compared with 2.4 per cent this year. Rising consumer spending, boosted by the current round of tax cuts and windfails, and the general improvement of the world econ-

> sible for a mini-boom. Although the LBS does not predict a Lawson-style boom, the report argues that tight monetary policy will be cru-

omy would be largely respon-

stable UK economy.
"Against this background. the need to prevent buoyant demand conditions threaten-

ing a rise in inflation is likely

to require a tightening of

monetary policy," says Mr

The incoming Labour Chancellor would not be able to fund higher spending in the key electoral areas of health and education without slashing costs in other parts of the public sector or raising

Mr Brown earlier this week

Labour would not be the party of high spending. He would look to shave money from the public finances through more efficiency cuts. following on from the Conservatives' drive to save and

save again. This was seen as an attempt to reassure the City, as well as voters, that Labour would not pursue policies that would recreate the high-inflation, high public-deficit the administrations.

Business interests have yet

The General Election must | cial to maintaining a healthy. | chester Business School that | Labour's cautiously-framed | promise the electorate higher plans for a national minimum wage, fearing the cost and cointing to the possible dam-age to employment. The LBS report says Labour would have to be careful not to trigger inflation.

Labour would be forced to make its mind up quickly on whether Britain should be part of the single European currency. A yes decision would make care of the public finances even more crucial Mr Sentance says Mr

Brown will either be an honest chancellor-in-waiting or a

spending without tax rises and claim that growth will be strong enough to lessen the impact on the public finances. That would raise doubts about Labour's commitment to controlling the public

The honest route would be to hold down public spending. keeping to the kind of outlay that the Conservatives have of future relaxation of spending. Otherwise, the only option would be to bite the bul-

Rapid American growth rattles bond markets

Mark Tran in New York

DDS on a summer rise in US interest rates after Wall Street took fright at an unexpectedly strong surge in American growth in the first quarter of this year. While US dealers fretted

overheating economy, the comed the 1.8 per cent jump | prised Wall Street. in growth as another healthy boost to the President's reelection chances even as his Republican would-be challenger. Senator Bob Dole, gropes for a strategy to revive quarter of 1995 came from unhis campaign.

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Laura Tyson, head of the National Economic Council said that strong GDP growth was "more evidence of the president's economic strategy

overshoots.

nervous at any sign of unsustainable growth, reacted negnomic data. The strength of the Ameri-

can economy in the first three over the possibility of an months despite blizzards, government shutdowns and a strike at General Motors sur-Most economists were forecasting growth of 1.5 to 2 per

The rebound in growth from 0.5 per cent in the final

usiness invesiment The bond market, always

atively to yesterday's eco The benchmark 30-year treasury bond fell more than one point pushing the yield to 7.02 per cent, its highest for

more than a year, and the plunged 86 points to 5488.87 in early trading. "Growth came in above the

Fed's target of 2.5 per cent," said Peter Kretzmer, economist with NationsBank. "That does definitely shift might be growing too fast. On Wednesday, the National saw the mind set on Wall Street, The gross domestic Association of Purchasing tion.

meeting this month, but possibly at its July meeting. Following weak economic growth in the final three months of last year, there was a flurry of concern that the

economy might tip into But in recent weeks. has been

evidence accumulating that the US This week's data have

firmly dispelled fears of Anxiety has now shifted to April in the closely-followed acceleration." said a Nations-the risk that the economy might be growing too fast.

On Wednesday, the National saw little risk of rising infla-Anxiety has now shifted to

the strongest showing since a 3.6 per cent increase in the

In other signs of robust growth, orders to US factories rose 1.5 per cent in March. Although the increase was concentrated in the aircraft business, the gain was nearly

twice the 0.8 per cent increase analysts had expected.
The March increase was the first since December and followed an upward blip for

The Whits House was quick | spending, particularly for | which is now looking at Fed | product's 2.8 per cent growth | Management said that its o crow about the latest fig. | computer products, and in | tightening, not at its next | rate in the first quarter was | manufacturing index rose to manufacturing index rose to 50.1 per cent last month, the first time since last July it

has been above 50 per cent. While first quarter growth exceeded the Wall Street forecasts, most economists believe that the economy will slow down later in the year in response to the recent jump in long term interest rates and to anticipated Fed

"The risk of economic per formance fading in the second half of the year is higher than the risk of further sustained

Kwik Save goes back to

basics after profits slide

DISCOUNT supermarket chain Kwik Save has begun a fundamental re-ex-

amination of its business

after a slide in profits yester-day saw more than £60 mil-lion wiped off the company's

Chief executive Graems

Bowler said the six-month study would "challenge every"

aspect of our current opera-tions".

It is almed at working out

formula work, but Mr Bowler,

said that strategy was not sac-rosanct. "Nothing is ruled

out. We want a format which will work after the year 2000.

We don't want to have to be

catching up."

Kwik Save has been squeezed from both ends of the price spectrum by the spread of superstores and continental discounters. In

the past six months. 150 com-

petitor openings have affected

"Because we have almost

1,000 stores there aren't many

locations where people might

open that there isn't one of

to £1.8 billion came from new stores and inflation, as well as the addition of the Scottish chain Shoprife. Sales volume

250 Kwik Save stores.

stock market value.

Roger Cowe

News in brief

£33.5 million to £32.7 million, despite a 17 per cent increase in sales to £256 million. Chairman Gordon Roddick said it would rate the company's 20th with rising profits, but substantial marketing work would have an effect in the next few months, upgrading the image and layout of the stores and product packaging to attract a wider

The American business lost £1.3 million, British profits were flat at almost £13 million, the rest of Europe saw a slight dip to £5.4 million, while Asian profits rose to £10.8 million. Mr Roddick insisted that US recovery would be based on high-quality positioning rather than price competition. "We are determined not to be panicked into short-term things. It will be tough but we will get there," he said. — Roger Cowe

Vote out Tories and I'll come back, says Nadir

TONY MAY hears party benefactor look forward to a change of power

UGITIVE tycoon Asil Nadir said yesterday that he intended to return to Britain if there was a change of government and the people handling his case were removed. He said: "No regulatory

authority and no govern-ment is in power for ever. Thank God there is a certain amount of democratic election and we know the elections are approaching. I hope the British public will give their view of what they think of the British Government.

Mr Nadir jamped bail in 1993 and fled to Northern Cyprus while facing trial on 13 charges of fraud and false accounting over the collapse of his Polly Peck business empire. Yesterday he denied any

lapse and instead blamed shareholders' loss of hundreds of millions of pounds on City regulators.

responsibility for the col-

Asked if he regretted his sence. He wanted to defend £400,000 donations to the her.

Conservatives, Mr Nadir said: 'I never regret anything that I have done in my life. All I regret is hav-ing trusted the authori-

ties." He was speaking during a live radio link-up between his office in Northern Cyprus and studios in London to help promote a book published this week by his for-mer aide, Elizabeth For-

Forsyth, aged 59, was unable to attend as she last week started a five-year jail sentence for laundering been stolen by the fugitive tycoon from his empire. Her book accuses the Seri-ous Fraud Office of precipitating the Polly Peck

collapse.
Explaining why he jumped bail, Mr Nadir said:
"I left the UK after two years and eight months trying to get an indictment, trying to get an objective judge, trying to ensure that my privileged papers were not pillaged by the authorities, but unfortunately I could not manage to do that. So I came here.

He said the trial of Elizabeth Forsyth was an at-tempt to try him in his ab-



Fugitive . . . Nadir's only regret is 'having trusted authorities'

dence at Mrs Forsyth's trial by video link but was prevented. I could not return after seeing the way the au-

thorities have behaved.
"I am sorry about what happened to Mrs Forsyth.

was her choice to go back expecting a fair trial.
"I intend to bring an action in Britain for abuse of legal process — we have excellent grounds." Asked what he was living

ou, Mr Nadir said: "I am But I explained to her what | now working as hard as bewould happen to her and it | fore. I have not bought any-

thing myself from the ad ministrators of Polly Peck but I am now helping with

had lost everything.

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was making with Polly Peck shareholders, who

our stores." Mr Bowler said. Flerce competition has de-pressed price increases resulting in lower profit mar-He said he hoped eventugins. Profits for the first half of the financial year fell by 28 per cent to £44 million. ally to share the money he The 8 per cent rise in sales

> fell by 25 per cent in the six In recent weeks the situation has improved, but sales volumes remain only at the same level as last year. The company said margins would continue to be squeezed and

profits would be down again in the second half of the year. The half-year dividend has been held, but fears that there will be a cut in the final dividend helped drive down the share price by 40p to 428p.

Body Shop bruised but still bountiful

BODY Shop's US operation slipped into loss last year and the company is struggling against tough competition which has eaten into sales, but yesterday the company, which recently abandoned plans to leave the stock market, pleased investors

with a 55 per cent increase in the final dividend. A strong result from Asia helped to offset the US troubles. But additional promotion and marketing costs left profit down from

Grid unabashed by HSBC

NATIONAL Grid last night said it was happy about a 12.5 per cent holding in its shares built up by HSBC James Capel in association with Saudi-controlled Olayan. It dropped a broad hint that it had accepted assurances by James Capel that the broker retains control over the shares, promising to issue a full statement

The company said it had held a "constructive and satisfactory meeting" with representatives of the Saudi investor, but declined any further comment. — Patrick Donovan

Ashlev scents success

LAURA Ashley has teamed up with cosmetics company L'Oreal to introduce a range of perfumes and toiletries under the Laura Ashley name. As well as being available through the clothing and furnishing chain's shops, the products will be distributed world-wide by L'Oreal. — Roger Couce

Hanson sells Seven Seas

HANSON has sold its Seven Seas vitamins business to Germanbased chemicals group Merck for £150 million. The British conglomerate acquired Seven Seas as part of its Imperial Group acquisition in 1986 and held on to the vitamins operation while most of the group was sold. It was said to remain a personal interest of chairman Lord Hanson, and is being sold in the clear-out before the group's four-way split later this year. The Hull-based unit had sales last year of £59 million. — Roger Cowe

Scottish Hydro steams south

SCOTTISH Hydro-Electric is to build a £35 million combined heat and power plant in Kent. The group said that it would own and operate the 52 megawatt plant, which will be located at the Smurfit Townsend Hook paper mill. The plant will take its investment commitment in combined heat and power plant to more than £100 million. The company said that the investment in the new plant would supply the mill's energy requirements in the form of electricity and steam for the next 20 years. It will also deliver about 30 MW to other customers.— Reuter

£800m for Indosuez stake

FRENCH bank Credit Agricole said it was paying 6.3 billion francs (£300 million) for a 51 per cent stake in Banque Indosue bought from the financial and industrial holding group Compag nie de Suez. Credit Agricole has the option to increase this stake to 80 per cent from July 1, 1997. Suez said it would retain a 20 per cent stake until 2000, after which it could be sold to Credit
Agricole. Indosuez was valued at Fr11.850 billion on the basis of its 1995 accounts, the companies said. — Reuter

Harris tweed firm crashes

ONE of the leading makers of Harris tweed has gone into liquidation, with rates arrears of £20,000 and losses of more than £500,000. Lewis and Harris Textiles, based in Stornoway, employed 20 people on Lewis until it ceased commercial operations early this year. An interim liquidator was appointed yesterday. At its peak the company, set up in 1991, was producing 25 per cent of the Harris tweed industry's output. Western Isles council was granted a petition at Stornoway sheriff court in an attempt to recover the rates, according to the liquidator, Ernst and &

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charge after the Government said on March 20 that bovine trade. But it resumed product — said net profit rose 3 per held back by continued difficult in a matter of days, using cent to £253 million in the culties with the Elizabeth Arbeef from cows under 30 first quarter, less than exden personal care business.

against its frozen British beef

PUBLIC concern about (BSE) might be linked to a rare and incurable brain disconsumer products group, to write off about £15 million of British beef.

Unilever's Birds Eye subfoods in the first quarter of sidiary suspended production

Brussels beef ban forces Unilever to dump £15m of Birds Eye burgers months of age. Without the BSE scare, Uni-

lever's profits in the Euro-pean frozen foods category would have been flat Overall, the group — whose

pected. Apart from the BSE scare, it blamed increased tax and interest payments. The group's European per-

sonal products business saw ods in the first quarter of of beefburgers at its Lowestoft products range from Persil mass-market range of goods. Power detergent, which factory in March and with detergent to Calvin Klein per and top-of-the-range Calvin found to damage clothes.

Sales of European detergents were low but profits rose because of higher pricing and lower production costs. The company has yet to recover solid volume growth in its from attacks on its Persil mass-market range of goods | Power detergent, which was

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Godolphin test water with Love

HE Newmarket Guineas meeting starts today when principal interest will centre on

The manner in which the Godolphin horses were flown in from Dubai to carry all before them last year posed a worrying threat to traditional training methods, and there will be plenty of people hop-ing that the success story is not repeated.
First indications of whether

the sunshine factor is as potent as before will come from the performance of Mick's Love in the Derby trial, the Sunley Newmarket Stakes. Mick's Love was trained by Mark Johnston last season and won both his starts, a small event at Haydock and the more significant Haynes Hanson & Clarke Stakes at Newbury, a race which has produced more than one

Derby winner over the years. In his work in Dubai. Mick's Love has appeared to be "a little one-paced" according to Simon Crisford, Godolphin racing manager, but the colt looked in magnificent physical condition when I saw him last month.

The opposition looks useful without being top class. Ra-mooz beat Bahamian Knight (now 3lb better off) by a neck at Thirsk and as a two-yearold finished over eight lengths fourth to Beauchamp

King at Ascot. Clever Cliche, representing Henry Cecil, made hard work

trouble in running and no doubt has plenty of improvement in him.

Mick's Love (3.05), on whom Frankie Dettori is unlikely to be hanging around over this mile and a quarter, is my selection to get Godol-phin off to a flyer.

The Pertemps Jockey Club Stakes is the main race on the card and features last year's Oaks winner Moonshell, an-other who has wintered be-

Godolphin's intention with Moonshell was to run her in the Dubai World Cup but she did not seem to take to the sand surface and plans were abandoned when she disappointed in her prep race.

It is hard to assess Moon-shell. She ran only twice as a

three-year-old, finishing third in the 1,000 Guineas and winning the Oaks from Dance A Dream who, it must be said, did not advertise the form subsequently.

As a result of that Group One win, Moonshell carries a 5lb penalty which means she

must give 2lb to the colt Riyadian, runner-up to Spectrum in the Champion Stakes. Riyadian (3.40) is reported to have done well in the in-terim and Paul Cole expects

big things from him this year He stays a mile and a half really well and I just prefer him to the filly at the weights today. Godolphin's final runner of

the day is Fatefully (4.50) in the Equity Financial Maiden Stakes. She makes her debut here but has been going well in gallops in Dubai with Bint Shadayid among others, and of winning a Nottingham it will be no surprise to see



Club class . . . Riyadian has strong claims in the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket today PHOTOGRAPH: GEORGE SELWYN

for victory in a girls, apprentice race at Kempton on Monday and must have a good chance with only 8st 3lb and Willie Carson on board in the Milcars Leasing Handicap. Heron Island, sixth behind

Storm Trooper at Newmarket, got the better of Story Line to win the Pentland cracking form and on target

Golden Touch (4.15), from the in-form stable of Neville Callaghan, carries no penalty right, as three out it was a win," said trainer Peter Chanple-Hyam, who will now run the colt in the Lingfield Derby trial.

Chapple-Hyam reported Nash House, as low as 10-1 for the Derby following his debut win at Newbury, in Stakes by three-quarters of a | for the Dante Stakes at York.

Newmarket with TV form

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C1 40, Dual F £1.50. CSF: 12.38. NR Roman Gold. 4.30 (1mt): 1, SIDE NOTE, W Ryan (4-1); 2, Alzenes (40-1); 3, Mais-Ann-Moos (33-1), 3-1 kev Alsahib. 18 ran. 18. 38. (H Cocil) Yole: 15. 40; 25 00. 27.50 C.3.70. Dual F. £102.30. Trio: Not won. CSF: £142.49. 5.00 (67p. 1, PATSY OSCIESE), R Hughes (32-1); 4, Sing Up (10-1), 4-1 p-lav; 12.2kg, £17. 4, Sing Up (10-1), 4-1 p-lav; 12.2kg, £17. 6, Sing Up (10-1), 4-1 p-lav; 12.2kg, £17. 0, £12.50. £1.40. Dual F: £21.10. Trio: £250.00. £25: £25.72. Trices: £1.40. £3.20. £1.50. £12.21, 3, Degree (13-8 fay). £6 ran. 1, 5. (P Walwyn) Toke: £16.00: £4.40. £3.70. £1.70. Dual F: £737.70. Trio: £147.60. CSF: £22.81.

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Prize money cut a sign of the times

result of the National Lottery and scratch-cards, the Horserace Betting Levy Board has announced a 4.7 per cent cut in prize money next year, writes Chris

Houkins.

The provisional figure (It may be re-adjusted) is Sir John Sparrow, chair-£28.5m which compares to man of the Board. "Hopefore, feeling the pinch. In | in higher turnover and, | British Horseracing Board | the Lottery began.

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3.20 HOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE HYGAP (GENTLEMAN AMATEURS) 1m of 12.596

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since the Lottery was intro-duced, and the Board has budgeted for a £5.1m deficit on its revenue account for the current year.

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WING to falling bet- real terms turnover has should this give us in for a further cut in Duty ting turnover, as a fallen by seven per cent creased revenue, we will do and the de-regulation of creased revenue, we will do and the de-regulation of everything we can to betting shops to make them everything we can to restore prize money.' It is still too soon to quantify any compensatory in-crease in turnover following the Chancellor's

one per cent cut which was passed on in full to the punter, but it is unlikely to make up the shortfall.

more attractive to customers — AWP (amusement with prizes) machines should be installed by the middle of the year.

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Premiership: Leeds Utd 1, Tottenham 3

Anderton lifts Spurs' **Euro hopes**

Michael Walker

ARREN Anderton. playing his third inging from the injury that has ruined his season, scored two excellent goals that will give Tottenham have plenty to fight for at Newcastle on Sunday.

His England colleague Sheringham was involved with both his goals and his manager Gerry Francis will have appreciated had another economical. skilful performance from the slim striker. Leeds began the evening with only two wins from 14 games since March and aware that a sixth consecutive de-

feat would equal the club's worst run for almost half a Tottenham on the other hand were still contemplating a L'efa Cup place, though they needed three points and a sixgoal margin to overtake

Arsenal, If not, White Hart Lane could see the InterToto Cup looming again, a feeling that must have grown when Leeds went ahead in the 13th

cleared but Kelly's looping return found Beesley and Wetherall both unmarked at the far post and the latter's header sailed beyond Walker. Spurs had earlier created two useful openings and it was no surprise when they equalised in the 18th minute. incham nut Fox's corner into Armstrong's path and he volleved home from six yards to

Sheringham, comfortably on view, created the goal that put Tottenham ahead within three minutes later. Collecting the balldeep inside his own half, he looked up, chose to ignored Armstrong's run, and drilled an accurate pass to Anderton, surging through the middle. Coolly sizing up the one-on-one situation with Lukic. Anderton slipped the ball to the goalkeeper's left to score his first goal in only his second full game since his return. Masinga nodded on to

post before half-time and then Wetherall had time and space to get his second but in true defender's style, snatched at the chance and blasted over. With both sides happier to

attack than defend more goals seemed inevitable after the interval, and Tottenham deservedly increased their lead in the 66th minute. This time it was Anderton who made and scored the goal. Collecting deep, he made ground, exchanged a quick pass with Sheringham, and cracked the hall in off a post.

Spurs, in goal-difference reduction mode, stepped up their attacks. Howell's neat thip almost fooled Lukic. Sheringham volleyed ambitiously over the bar and Lu-kic made a fine point-blank stop to foli Armstrong. Leoda Urilladi Luhiz, Kally, Worthington Wernarati Bosatoy Tinkler Palmer Ford McAllister Masinga, Gray Tottenham Hotspurs Walker Edinburgh Valson, Matbutt Cambbell Housells For, Anderton, Dozzali, Sheringkam, -rmstrong Reference J Bodenham (Cornwall)



Flight of fancy . . . Peter Beardsley's first-half strike gave Newcastle United early hopes of victory before Ian Woan's spectacular equaliser for Nottingham Forest at the City Ground last night

PHOTOGRAPH. GRAHAM CHADWICK

Whyte waits in Scotland's wings

the finals.

Chase quits after bumpy Norwich ride

OBERT CHASE finally bowed to the inevitable yesterday and resigned as chairman of Norwich City. ending a bumpy 12 months in which he had been accused by supporters of caring more about bricks and mortar than about the football team.

Chase, the chairman since 1936. has also sold a large proportion of his majority shareholding to the former chair-man Geoffrey Watling, a respected local figure who had stepped in to save the club delighted that Mr Chase has from financial ruin in 1957.

But the octogenarian known in Norfolk as "Mr Norper cent stake in the club, will not be taking up the chairmanship, "My position remains president," he said. Watling, who has co-opted the prominent local business-

man Keith Gregory on to the board, added: "I will remain in close touch with the directors, and clearing the club's debts will be the top priority. all my shares to Mr Watling. These shares could not be in

safer hands. Perhaps my sad-dest moment was at 2pm today when I resigned as a director of Norwich City. The price for Chase's 34 per cent shareholding is reported

suggesting it might be half that — a sum that would be disappointing to Chase. Cynical fans say he built up the balance sheet to enhance the value of his majority shareholding and make the club attractive for flotation. He has always denied that.

His departure was not being mourned last night. "Geoffrey Watling is a safe pair of hands." said Rupert Sheldon, a Norwich supporter and secretary of the Anglian branch of the Footbail Supporters' Association, "but most of all we are absolutely

finally gone."

Barely two seasons ago Norwich beat Bayern Munich in the Uefa Cup, and in Janu-ary 1995 they lay fifth in the Premiership. But they were relegated and have struggled since. Frustrated fans who have seen talent worth £26 million leave Carrow Road in Chase's time boycotted matches and hurt the club financially. Chase had been criticised

earlier for refusing to offer the then manager Mike Walker a longer-term con-tract after the Uefa Cup campaign, a decision that eventu-ally led Walker to leave for Everton. Martin O'Neill took over in the summer after Norwich were relegated but to be £1.2 million, though City last November, accusing sources close to the deal are | Chase of lacking ambition.

Peter Swales dies at 63

ETER SWALES, the former Manchester City European competition for chairman, died sudthree years in the late 1970s. denly yesterday in Wythen-shawe Hospital aged 63. He had a heart attack last weekend but was thought to be improving before suffering two

Maine Road personnel were stunned and a statement said: The chairman, directors. are totally shocked on learn-ing today of the sudden and sad passing away of the club's former chairman Peter Swales. Everyone is in a state of shock and we wish to ex-Mrs Swales and the family at this time.

City for more than 20 years from 1973 before a bitter takeover battle ousted him two years ago and the former City and England striker Francis Lee took charge.

During Swales's time as chairman City won their last

major trophy when they beat Newcastle in the 1976 League Swales . . . beart attacks

were runners-up to Liverpool by a point for the 1976-77 league championship and lost the 1981 Centenary FA Cup final to Tottenham after a

well. "Tell them the last thing I want is for them to go



Fast-recovering Shearer is set to go on England's Far East tour

ALAN SHEARER expects | Walter Smith has been to resume light training | fined £200 and warned by today, only two weeks after undergoing a groin

The Blackburn striker has made an "excellent recovery", say his club, and is almost certain to join the England party for the two games in China and Hong Kong before Euro '96.

"Alan hopes to do some logging and gradually step things up," said Blackburn's assistant manager Blackburn may be with-

out another striker, Mike Newell, on Sunday at Chelsee but Colin Hendry is almost certain to play. The cheekbone as first feared.

the Scottish FA about his future conduct because of comments he made after a Premier Division game at

Motherwell. Smith asked why Paul Gascoigne was being cau-tioned so often and suggested that his midfielder was being singled out.

Leicester have been told by a tribunal to pay Shef-field Wednesday £210,000 for the defender Julian Watts, who moved to Fil-bert Street just before the

Danny Bergara, head coach at Wednesday, has won a claim for unfair dismissal against his previous club Stockport, where he

EREK WHYTE will spend the weeks between now and Euro '96 wondering whether he will be upgraded from understudy to leading man in the Scotland defence. In the 22-strong squad

named by Craig Brown yesterday for the two-match trip to the United States on May 21 pionship. Middlesbrough's Whyte is the 23rd man.

His prospects depend on the condition of Alan McLaren's damaged knee. The Rangers man is to have keyhole surgery on May 20, two days after the Ibrox side face Hearts in the Tennents Scottish Cup final, and the eve of If he is okay after the explor-

departure for the games atory operation we can also because Eoin only played one against the United States in trust him to train properly of the qualifiers," said Brown. Hartford, Connecticut and Colombia in Miaml.

If. as hoped. McLaren requires only the straight-forward removal of a simple cyst from his cartilage, he should be ready to face Hol-land, England and Switzerland in Group A in June. Whyte will fill his role for the transatlantic rehearsals.

Brown insisted yesterday tolerated in the assessment of McLaren's fitness before his squad has to be registered with Uela on May 29. "But he is a single-minded and conscientious man," said the manager. "and very honest.
"We can trust him to tell
the truth about his condition.

for inclusion.

"He had a hard time with in-jury and loss of form and and have himself ready for "It would be foolish to take missed out quite a bit. Jacka player who won't be ready son has been with us through-

will be okay for the second game. That's against England and we couldn't have people going into that one who hadn t played for weeks omission from Scotland's squad is Eoin Jess. Although he moved from Aberdeen to form for the national team

for the opening match against

Holland in the hope that he

enough to allow him to hope "I've opted for Darren Jackson of Hibs in that slot mainly

had been generally sound

Basketball

NEA PLAY-OFFS; Pirst round: Eastern Conference. New York 81, Cleveland 76 (New York we serves 3-0) Minns 91, Chi-cago 112 (Chicago win asred 3-0). West-ern Coefferences Portland 38, Uhah 90 (serves Jod at 3-0), Phoenic 91 San Anto-nio 93 (San Antonio 1846 serves 2-1).

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Fixtures

Rugby Union

Sport in brief

Boxing

Nigel Benn challenges Dub lin's Steve Collins for the WBO super-middleweight title at Manchester's 21,000 seat Nynex Arena on Saturday July 6. Thulane "Sugar Boy" Malinga, the South Afri-can who outpointed Benn for the WBC title in March, defends it on the same hill against Vicenzo Nardiello of Italy, a loser to Benn and Henry Wharton.

Rugby League

South Africa have been promsed financial help from the Rugby Football League, long as they come up with a viable development plan. Hull have signed the Australian utility back Peter Fitzgerald. who has played rugby union for New South Wales

Equestrianism

David O'Connor on Custom the United States after the first half of the dressage tests at the Badminton Horse Trials yesterday, writes John Kerr. Riding his big Irishbred 11-year-old, winner of the Kentucky three-day event last season, the American, 34 and competing at his third Badminton, is just ahead of two British riders, Lucinda Murray on Just Jeremy II and Helen Bell on Troubleshooter.

ice Hockey The Humberside Hawks have

been reincarnated as the Kingston Hawks, writes Vic Batchelder. The Hawks reached the British championship finals at Wembley, go-ing out in the semi-finals the day before their owner, Humberside County Council, disappeared under local government reorganisation.

They will play in the equally new British National ice Hockey League, using the rink previously owned by the old county authority.

Tennis

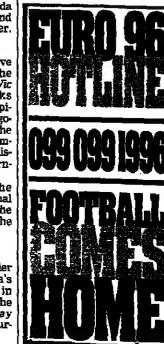
Michael Chang, the holder and top seed, beat Australia's Michael Tebbutt 6-1, 6-2 in just over an hour to reach the quarter-finals of the clay court AT & T Challenge tour nament in Atlanta.

Sweden rule

AN-OVE WALDNER, the Clympic champion thought too old to defend his title successfully in Atlanta, answered his detractors yesterday by saving five match points against the 1993 world champion Jean-Philippe in Bratislava.

went on to beat the Olympic runner-up 19-21, 21-13, 25-23 to complete Sweden's 4-1 triumph over France, the de-fending champions, in the European team championship final. Sweden thus recaptured the title they lost in Birming-

spritely enough to regain the world title from China in



Rugby Union

Wasps swoop for Griffiths

The Rangers manager was manager.

Robert Armstrong

■HE drain of Welsh players to English clubs con-tinued yesterday when Wasps signed Mike Griffiths. the Cardiff and Wales prop. on a three-year contract worth about £200,000. Griffiths, who is 34, will also help to coach the forwards as the London club, who finished fourth in Courage League One, prepare to compete in next season's European Cup.
"The move gives me secu-

drive to get back into the Welsh squad," said Griffiths, who won the latest of his 34 cans in last summer's World Cup defeat by Ireland. The former Lions loose-

head — he toured Australia in 1989 — is still young

up his job as a brewery sales representative. Rob Smith, Wasps' coach, regards him as not a regular first-team choice for Cardiff.

Smith is also seeking to sign a second top-class lock to partner Glyn Llewellyn, who recently signed from Neath. Next season loose forwards gage until the ball has left scrums, renewing the emphasis on set-piece domination. Wasps, who have also agreed terms with their captain Lawrence Dallaglio, intend to fund players' con-

tracts from the projected £3 million they will raise next month by making a share offer on the mini stock exchange set up to encourage small firms to raise equity. The Londoners are the first mough to reap the benefit of | English club to choose publicthe new professionalism limited company status to fi-

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Sport

Heineken League: Treorchy 10, Cardiff 31

Cardiff take lead

David Planmer

 ARDIFF returned to the top of the First Division with a laboured victory night and they will need to show more polish and poise against Pontypridd and Llan-elli, if they are to retain the championship.

In the quest for tries and

oonus points Cardiff, as they

had done at Newport last Saturday, spurned chances to kick penalties. They had started the evening a point be-hind the leaders Neath, havthey looked more like pretenders than champions Since losing to Llanelli in the cup last month they have tried to speed up their game hut lacking mobility in the back row, they have struggled to create space behind, and despite dominating territori-

few questions of the Treorchy They took the lead in the 19th minute when Jonathan Davies, playing in the centre, broke through the midfield and from the resulting ruck Adrian Davies fed a scoring pass to the wing Simon Hill.

ally last night they asked too

Kevin Jones charged over from a quickly taken penalty and David Evans converted. An Evans penalty two min-utes after the restart put Cardiff five points behind and for the first time raised a real possibility of defeat, but they finally roused themselves and started exerting pressure up They scored two tries from scrums in 10 minutes, Adrian Davies jinking over for the first before the outside-half created space for Rayer with

Instead of building on that lead, Cardiff were then con-stantly penalised by the refer-

ee Clayton Thomas and the

home side took advantage to

steal the lead a minute before

half-time when the No. 8

collected their first bonus Tries from the two Davieses Adrian and Jonathan, put the

Adrian and Jonathan, put the game beyond Treorchy.

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Four months of increas

ingly bitter haggling took

another turn for the worse

RFU close to a deal with clubs

ONY HALLETT, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union, said last night that Twickenham was on the verge of reaching an agreement with England's leading clubs over the structure for next season and television and play ers' contracts.

Hallett and Bill Bishop,

Two ciubs.

this week when Cliff Brit tle, chairman of the executive, boycotted a meeting with the leading clubs. But Hallett said: "We will be emphasising what we be lieve is the making of an important peace accord. the RFU president, will • Phil Moss has quit as Orreport to the full RFU comrell coach after two years mittee today on the proin charge. Andy Macfar gress made in their talks lane, the No. 8 who recently with the League One and inined Orrell from Sale will be player-coach.

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out and played a little more

"Don't forget, we have quite a few similar types to Jess, playmakers such as Gary

McAllister, Paul McStay,

John Collins and Billy

McKinlay, There are seven midfielders in there."

SCOTLAND SQUAD: Gersen (Rangers) Leighten (Hiberman), Walker (Paries) Booth Aberdeen Boyd (Cellus, Berley (Chelsea), Calderwood (Tottenham)

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Rugby Union

a flat pass and the visitors

ATP TOURNAMENT (Munich): Second rounds if Gumy (Arg) bit in Goeliner (Ger) 6-1, 2-6, 6-3; S Dosada (Cz) bit G Schaller (Aut) 6-2, 7-5; B Beaker (Ger) bit J Burllo (Sp) 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.
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ham two years ago. Waldner and Jorgen Pers-son, the 1991 world champion, won the doubles and look

Manchester next year. Earlier two encouraging wins for the 24-year-old Bradley Billington helped Eng-land, already relegated from Group One, to a 4-2 victory over Slovenia and 11th place



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O'Sullivan lags as Ebdon takes early honours

Clive Everton in Sheffield

TER EBDON made break of 109, his sixth century of the tournament, to take a 4-3 overnight lead against Ronnie O'Sullivan in their best-of-31-frames semi-final of the Embassy World Championship here at In the opening session nei-

ther player appeared to have recovered from the emotional energy they had expended in progressing so far in the cham pionship for the first time.

O'Sullivan's problem was self-inflicted; he had spent many anxious hours on Monday knowing it was touch-and-go whether he would be disqualified for his assault on an assistant press officer, Michael Ganley, on Sunday. But his fine of £20,000 and a "voluntary" £10,000 donation to charity will scarcely be missed out of the £60,000 he earned by defeating John Hig-gins from two down with three to play in a memorable quarter-final between two

outstanding 20-year-olds. Higgins, a model of deport-ment, was appalled by O'Sullivan's offence and might reasonably have expected tomary warmth was absent from his handshake. Likewise Ebdon's tense victories over Jimmy White (13-12) and Steve Davis (13-10) had drawn heavily on his inner resources, but he was twice able to raise his game for important clear-ances yesterday.

Having dropped the open-ing frame he trailed 0-50 in the second only to win it with 76, and at 2-2 he cleared from 53 behind with 64, fluking the black, to lead 3-2. Then his lost position on the pink trying to clear from the last red cost him his chance of a 4-2 lead, but his concluding cen-tury gave him a one-frame advantage to carry into this morning's session. On the evidence of a televi-

sion replay. Ebdon should perhaps have won the fourth frame too. O'Sullivan potted the decisive pink, but just before the cue ball had stopped rolling he played the black one-handed. The rules are clear: O'Sullivan's six points should not have counted. They should have been awarded to Ebdon instead, the pink should have been respotted and Ebdon could thereby have won the frame.

The broadcasting legend that his opponent would be disqualified. He would have accepted the bye without a blink, and in defeat his cus-

Petchey tempts the cup fates

Stephen Bierley

put behind him some of the ghosts," said David Lloyd, who was appointed Britain's HOSE who stick rigidly by that renowned country saying "Ne'er cast a backhand volley till Davis Cup captain last year. May is out" will be shaking their heads in disbelief at the If, by some spooky misfor-tune, Britain and Slovenia thought of Britain beginning are locked at 2-2 on Sunday today a Davis Cup match against Slovenia in own bones may begin to rattle Newcastle.

Others, a touch more perti-nently, will be wondering why on earth Britain are ciding singles.
The Slovenians may be relplaying Slovenia at all.

The explanation is simple.

Britain dropped out of the of gamesmanship. "Nobody in Davis Cup big time in 1992, no longer able to hold a place in said their captain Andrej the world's top 16. They Jeras. Last season he played only Euro/African zone and against the Slovenian No. 2 eight matches, making 335 swiftly found themselves unable to cope with even this little-known realm, slithering from Group One to Group

> Hence this meeting, which might be hilled as a clash of the once-formers: Slovenia, once former Yugoslavia; Britain, once formerly Great (ish). So, yesterday afternoon, while the majority of Newcas-tie turned its black-and-white thoughts towards Nottingham, a much smaller group wrestled with red-white-andblue considerations of lifting British international team

tennis from its decline. "Obviously we are the very hot favourites," said Mark Petchey, the British No. 5, who is playing because Tim Henman, the new No. 1, is ill. It took a lot of guts for Petchey to say this, for he has | many's Rene Nicklish.

ative newcomers to Davis Cup tennis but they are already worldly-wise in the art

when he steps out for the de-

won only one of his nine Davis Cup singles to date. "This is Mark's chance to

Borut Urh, whom he beat in the European Cup in Dublin last year. "But they were a couple of tight sets," said Lloyd, who might find himself doubly blamed if things were to go wrong; this tie is being played on the indoor green carpet of his own tennis club in south Gosforth.

Petchey then takes on Iziok Bozic, with Rusedski and Neil Broad, born respectively in ing the doubles Union flag tomorrow. If nothing else, the measurement on the Rusedski grinometer yesterday seemed to point to a comfort

 Berkshire's Jamie Delgado reached the quarter-finals of the LTA Spring Satellite event in Hatfield with a 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 victory over Ger-

strong field having completed

Rocca surged home in 32 after six birdies, and Romero,

the 1994 champion, likewise got back in 32 with four

successive birdles.

Evans's performance was unexpected. He has failed in

half his eight outings this year, but this week Sean Ged-des, his former coach at Wor-

thing, helped him correct his troublesome swing. Evans

had five birdies in his home-

their opening rounds.

All fall down . . . Gloucestershire's Richard Davis, Jack Russell and Tony Wright combine to drop John Carr off his first ball at chilly Lord's yesterday

County Championship: Middlesex v Gloucestershire

Brass monkeys escort debs to the ball

Mike Selvey at Lord's

ITH John Emburey gone, Dion Nash in the Caribbean, Phil Tufnell and Richard Johnson on the sick list, and so many debutants in the side that it was a wonder the game had not been resched-uled for Berkeley Square, Mid-dlesex looked a team in transi-

Having been second in the championship last year, pushing Warwickshire to the wire, they are already out of the Benson and Hedges Cup this

the opening day of their championship campaign it seemed that their confidence might be shattered by Gloucestershire as they were bowled out for 200.

Instead, by the time the teams trooped off when the light finally closed in with seven overs remaining, it was Mike Gatting's side who just held the upper hand, with Gloucestershire 94 for four in reply; although Andrew Symonds, 42 not out from 40 balls, will present a threat to that position this morning. It was typically early-sea-

Stand — that belped the seam bowlers throughout the day and batsmen on both sides found life anything but a bed of spring primrose

Nor did the weather and general ambience help: al-though the rain somehow missed St John's Wood, it was so finger-numbingly cold and the banks of empty white seats so Arctic in appearance that when Gatting and Jack Russell reached the middle to toss, it would have been no surprise to find that a Norwe-

ear, and for the first part of son cricket, played on a sappy gian had beaten them to it backed up by Mike Smith found life no easier, with he opening day of their pitch — located within a and planted a flag on a length, with two for 45, Jon Lewis, Angus Freser in particular hampionship campaign it bandshake of the Mound All day, hands left pockets never knowingly under-stamping in riotously, strikonly to bowl or, reluctantly, field, and with hypothermia a worry it is hard to get motivated in such conditions

Gatting, whose body's rate of expansion is now starting to mirror the origin of the universe (his sponsored car is Space Wagon, honestly), chose to bat first. But no one adequately mastered an enthusiastic Gloucestershire attack led by the old stager Kevin Cooper, still malevo-lently snaking his away

pitched, with two for 53 in-cluding the key wicket of Gat-ting for 23, and Mark Alleyne with two for 46.
The bulk of the Middlesex runs came from John Carr, whose 48 contained nine

boundaries, and the more staunch Keith Brown (44) and Paul Weekes, whose com-posed 34 was cut short by an leg-before decision although he seemed to be well forward. Until Symonds put his own adventurous tag on the day,

ing the splice and frequently whistling past the edge. In a nine-over spell Fraser who unlike his captain has lost weight and looks better

for it, removed Wright and Hancock at a cost of 11 runs, with Follett having Cunliffe caught at the wicket and James Hewitt (no, not that one) getting Dawson leg-before, thereby becoming the first Middlesex player for almost 100 years to take a wicket with his opening delivery in first-class cricket.

Worcestershire v Essex

Out

Frozen points

David Hopps at New Road

RICKET's big kick-off. Or rather it wasn't. If way to outrageous hype, the start of the championship season is still launched with s vaguely abashed air.

By twenty to two, the waittrudged, pinch-featured, on to the outfield to the spirited ap-plause of three elderly spectators wrapped in blankets. A lone ice-cream van, prob-

ably a stray from the Moscow State Circus which has also been in town, remained alongside the scoreboard for the first 13 overs and failed to sell a single item, its driver then retreating without so much as a jingle.

Over at second slip, Eng-land's newest selector Graham Gooch briefly considered the form and then dipped his hand into his pocket to pass round a crumpled bag of boiled sweets, some of them doubtless still bearing the fluff from the 1995 season.

A grand old pro is Goochie. a man who knows when to hand round the boiled sweets and when not to. They were safely back in his pocket run.

Somerset v Surrey

David Foot at Taunton

GRAHAM THORPE returned from hospital

last night to report that his

right forearm was badly

bruised but not, as feared, broken. He is willing to bat

again for Surrey today if

Only 11.2 overs were

possible after a start late in the afternoon. But it was

long enough to be eventful and, from the Somerset

bowlers' point of view,

encouraging.
Thorpe had immediately

THORPE

when Curtis ended 10 overs of surveillance by dabbing him a homely catch off Williams's

outswinger.
Pitch: when not under the covers, a slow, green seamer. Skies: John Major grey. Weather: inviting only to those who have a fetish about wind up their trouser leg. Worcestershire, in 32 chilly Mark flott, Essex's leftarmer, found most gratifica-

tion, checking his pace to assist his inswinger and collecting three for 27 in 15.1 overs. The left-handed Weston fell to a smart, plunging catch by Grayson at cover, and dipping inswingers had both Hick and Moody lbw. Late in the day Prichard.
Essex's captain, fielded in
what looked like a tea-cosy.
Either that or Gooch had sold

him a hair transplant in the Gooch was still chatting en-thusiastically as the players

left the field for the last time. It was then time for his first memo to Raymond Illingworth: "To the chairman of selectors: Ramble bowling in-swingers again, Hicky miss-ing 'em." And with nothing more to say he went off for a

Yorkshire openers find record form

T TOOK bad light to end gan set by Sutcliffe and Glamorgan's misery yes-terday after Martyn dersfield in 1928. Moxon, who made 150, and Michael Vaughan, whose 156 was a career best, broke a Yorkshire batting record at Cardiff. They reached 316 without loss, beating the previous best opening stand against Gla-Sutcliffe at Sheffield 66

ears ago. Moxon scored 16 of the 20 taken from the opening two overs before reaching his 43rd career century in the 63rd over off 202 balls, with 13 boundaries. Vaughan followed him to three fig-ures eight overs later, hitting 17 fours in 196 balls as Yorkshire advanced from 109 at lunch to 236 at tea. Vaughan won the race to

150 with his 23rd boundary after Glamorgan had used their seventh bowler. Tony Cottey, to try to break the partnership.

Moxon hit his 18th four to reach 150 but the bate-

men went off for bad light

needing eight runs to beat

the Yorkshire record for

any wicket against Glamor-

Jason Laney braved bitterly cold conditions to

score his maiden first-class century for Hampshire against Oxford University at The Parks. The 23-yearold opener hit a six and 15 morgan of 235 scored by guided the county to 264 for Percy Holmes and Herbert seven after the Oxford captain Chinmay Gupte had opted to bowl first. Robin Smith managed

just one scoring stroke — a streaky edge for two off Hasnain Malik — in 15 balls before miscuing a square cut off the left-arm seamer David Mather to Malik at third man. Laney and his captain

John Stephenson (47) gave Hampshire a 91-run start but the off-spinner Mark Wagh broke the stand. bowling Stephenson just

before lunch.
Mather. who finished with three for 31 from 17 overs, removed Sean Morris. Smith and Giles White in the afternoon session but Laney battled on until he gave Wagh the charge and was stumped.

First Inships
P N Weekes the b Alleyne
J C Pooley b Cooper
M R Ramprakash c Davis 5 Cooper
M W Galfrig b Levis
J D Carr c Russell b Alleyne
J S Error S Bursell b Alleyne

Fall of wickets: 9, 22, 66, 60, 149, 163, 165, 191, 197. Bourflag: Smith 16.4-1-45-2; Cooper 22-5-54-4; Alleyne 17-3-46-2; Lewis 11-0-53-2.

J W Holder and M J Kilchen.

KENT Y LANCASHERE

Extras (lb2, w2, nb2)...

Kent v Lancashire

Pinch-hitter Fleming falls victim to Jayasuriya Fever

Paul Weaver at Canterbury

NUMBER of batsmen are Anow in danger of contracting Jayasuriya Fever, an affliction once confined to the humidity of Sri Lanks and characterised by hot-headedness, a whirring bat and an inability to recognise either line or length.

Even in damp, cold Canterbury cases are not unknown: Matthew Fleming was the victim yesterday, and by end of the season several more opening batsmen are expected to have perished. The fever is of suriya, the 'pinch-hitting' wonder of the World Cup.

To some extent the notion of opening with a pinch-hitter is a worthy one in all limited has played this part quite well with scores of 72, 41 and 12 in Kent's three convincing victories in the Benson and Hedges Cup, in which only two fielders are permitted outside the circle in the first

15 overs.
Indeed he is a useful oneday player: a clean-hitting middle-order batsman, and a bowler whose ability to mix

up his deliveries has made him handy at the death. He has even been talked of as a future Kent captain; be is a former officer in the Royal Green Jackets, and such things go a long way in these parts. Yet to invite him to

open a championship innings, and against an attack as powerful as Lancashire's, was a runs at 27 and taking five wickets at almost 80 apiece, so his championship calibre must be questioned. Kent's captain Mark Benson is in-

course named after the Sri Jured but they could have Lanka batsman Sanath Jaya- opened with Neil Taylor, who has a solid technique and averaged 42 last season, or the talented Matthew Walker. It was something of a surprise, therefore, to see Fleming open for Kent with David Fulton when Lancashire won the toss and opted to bowl. Fulton and Fleming were

dismissed in successive overs by Glen Chapple, both Ibw, for five and eight, and Kent were 14 for two before Trevor Ward and Carl Hooper started a recovery. Only 22 overs were possible and Kent were 63 for two when the players came off at 12.26.

Motor Racing

Hill still high on confidence

Alan Henry at Imols

DAMON HILL is convinced he will pick up the threads of his winning ways when free practice for the San Marino Grand Prix starts here today at the beginning of a weekend

Hill's immediate concern is to remove memories of the dis-mal start at the Nürburgring last Sunday that destroyed his chance of winning the European Grand Prix, opening the way for his Williams team-

prospects this weekend." he confidence in any way.

has really changed.
"I went well here last year and won the race. The car's great and I'm feeling good."
Yet he believes Ferrari may offer a strong challenge on their home ground, where they are expected to use an

uprated version of the V10 engine that powered Michael Schumacher to second place last Sunday.

Golf

tinged by memories of Ayrton Senna, who crashed fatally while leading the early stages of this race two years ago.

mate Jacques Villeneuve. "Tm very confident for my

said. "The car is not changed, we have not had any time to test and nothing really should have changed since last week-end. That fourth place in Germany has not affected my 'I have won four out of the

last five grands prix, an 80 per cent strike record, so nothing

Local hero takes first blood in the duel with Torrance

Michael Britton in Bergamo

T WAS round one to Costantino Rocca in the con-test Italy has billed as "il ian Open began here in his home town yesterday. Rocca, watched by his wife,

mother and two brothers, together with hundreds of friends from his nearby village, shot 66 on the Albenza course where he was a teen-age caddie and then caddiemaster before turning profes-sional at 26. That was five strokes better than his chief rival, the defending champion Sam Torrance, who as a 17-year-old scored his first pro-fessional victory here.

However, Italy's most famthunderstorm washed out stow. The thruplay with only 30 of the 156- one under par.

ous golfer was one shot be-hind the provisional leader, England's Gary Evans, who was six under par. The Argentinian Eduardo Romero and Italy's Emanuele Bolognesi

ward 31. Torrance's hopes of beating 71 were dashed at the 13th when his ball struck an overhead telephone cable. He was obliged to replay the shot, scrambled a par and finished with a regulation card.

 Lancashire's Lora Fairclough, returning after a six-month lay-off, shared the lead with Caroline Hall and France's Stephanie Dallongeville on a day of high scoring in the first round of the Welsh shared third place on 67, but a Open at St Pierre, near Chep-

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Early retirement for Thorpe creamed a boundary through the covers. Soon afterwards he ducked into a delivery from Andre van Troost and

was in a lot of pain.
It was a damp wicket on which neither side would have chosen to bat. Somerset, who won the toss, were with-out Andy Caddick, being rested after some slight reaction to his back problems after a quietly impressive first competitive match of the season earlier in the week at Cardiff. But their experimental new-ball attack of Kevin Shine and Van Troost was fast and at times awkward. Shine, now at his third county, was patently fired up and once he had found his line he got some bounce and two wickets. Yet the ball that accounted for Mark

Butcher was not a good one; it pitched short and was pulled on to the stumps.

Moreover for his other wicket, that of Darren Bicknell, Shine can claim less of the credit than the Austrathe credit than the Australian newcomer Shane Lee. who brought off a truly memorable catch in the slips There will not be a better one at Taunton this summer and it was a pity only a handful of

speciators were there to see it.
Van Troost showed both control and gennine pace. He almost had Alistair Brown taken at first slip, but Alec Stewart is looking confident and Surrey finished their brief day's cricket at 34 for the same of t two.

Scoreboard

County Championship Country Champhonship
(First day of four, today, 11.0)
GLAMORGAN v YORKCHIRE
Carellis, Yorks Glas) have scored 316 with
out less in their innings against Glamorgan.
YORKCHIRE First landings
M D Mosson not out ________150
Drives (156, nb2) ________158

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To bath 'D Byas, M G Bovan, A McGrain, C White, 'R J Blakey, D Gough, P J Hartley, A G Whart, R D Stemp.

Bowlings, Watkin 14-4-23-0; Thomas 18-1-60-0; Bucher 9-1-34-0; Barnick 21-10-47-0; Croll 24-5-65-0; Dala 7-0-44-0; Consy 3-0-15-0.

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solutions with a Surrey have scored 34 for facilities Somerset.

Pearson.
Bowling: Shine 6-2-15-2; van Troop
5.2-1-19-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and K E Palmer.

WORGESTERSHERE V ESSEX

Mew Road: Words have scored 78 for four in their first innings against Essex (1pt).

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Extras (b2, B6, w1, nb4)

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G L Hooper not out ... Extres (b1, £b1, nb2)... otal (for 2: 22 overs) To her: G R Condrey, M A Ealham, 15 A Marsh, M J McCague, M M Patel, J B D Thompson, T N Wren. Bourling: Martin 7-3-12-0; Chapple 8-4-15-2; Austin 4-0-18-0; Elworthy

S-0-16-0.

LANCASHIFE: M A Atherion, J E R Gal-lian, J P Cravisy, M H Fairbrother, G Chappia, M J Speak, †W K Hegg, *M Wal-khoon, S Bworthy, I D Austin, P J Martin. Uzuphrate: A A Jones and R Julian. No play, rain Trent Bridger Notlinghamshire v Sussex. Chester-le-Street: Durham v Northamptonshire. Derby: Derbyshire v

Other match
OXFORD UNIVERSITY V HAMPSHIRE

Total (for 7, 97 overs) 284
Fash 91, 151, 163, 182, 229, 234, 251.
To bet: C A Connor, S M Milburn.
Rowslings Du Preez 11-2-44-0; Thomson 13-3-37-0; Wagh 21-4-67-2: Mailk 35-14-75-2 Mailke 17-5-51-3.
OXFOGED UNIVERSITY: C M Gupte, I J Sutsilfe, A N Rickey, G A Khan, M A Wagh, H S Mailk, M E D Jarrett, I J N Batty, R B Thomson, S P Du Preez, D P Maiber.
Unspires: B Leadbeater and J W Licyds.

Unspiece: B Leathbatter and J W Lloyds. This season three points are awarded for a county championship draw but homes points remain as before, in the first 120 owers of each side's first insign. Buttings 200 runs († point); 250 (2pts); 300 (3pts); 350 (4pts). Bowlings three windows († point); five (2pts); serves (3pts); since (4pts).

The new bad can still be trices after 100 owers. A ne ball is worth two runs to the beltings side; runs scored off a se hell count in addition to the two-run pensity. Second XI Char

Hower Kent 413-5 for (D P Fulton 230, D J Spencer 87no, R Key 50) and 181-3 der (N R Taylor 100no). Sussex 291 (S Humphries 71, R Thelvell 53; R Preston 5-73, Aban-doned as draw. Old Treffonts Nota 250-3 das (G F Archer 147no) and lanings lor-fetted. Lance Insings forfetted and 160-5 (S P Thohard 60no). Drawn. Bain Hogg Trophy

Lelcester: Lelcestershire 365-8 (J M Da-kin 193, V P Clarke 72). Middlesex 223-6 (K P Dutch 59, J S Norman 54, M R Evans 50no). Lelcestershire won by 162 runs. Second Test St Johan's: West Indies 548-7 dec (J Ad-ams 208no, R Samuels 125) and 147-7 (S Lara 74; Morrison 4-35, New Zealand first Indings 437 (C Spearman 54, N Astle 103, D Patel 78; Ambrose 5-88).

Starting today OTHER MATCH (11.50, three days) "Fee-ner'es Cambridge University v Warwick-stire. "Sunday play. BAIN HOOG TROPHY (11.0, one day): Chelmaford: Essex v MCC YCs. Old Traf-fords: Lancashire v Notlinghamshire. Howe Sussex v Kent.

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Flash company . . . Hoddle and Venables perform before the massed ranks of the press photographers in London yesterday

PHOTOGRAPH: FRANK BARON

Terry Venables's successor passes his first encounter with the press with flying colours. Martin Thorpe reports.

Hoddle takes it in his stride

could not disguise the fact that Glenn Hoddle was a happy man yesterday afternoon as he was unveiled as England's next

After 48 hours of agonising over whether to leave Chelthe FA's offer on Wednesday night. It had been a heartrending two days, he said, and "it was the only job I would leave Chelsea for". But

PHOTOGRAPHER | burning ambition since a | bles. But the heir apparent had to ask him to very young age. It is the handled it all with the air of a smile, but that pinnacle of any management | man practised in the art of career and the timing was right'.

from Terry Venables on July 1, tied to a four-year contract year. His first priority is to lead England to the 1998 World Cup finals, with the opening qualifier on September

Yesterday's rapid fire of him a taste of the other scru-tiny to come as he sat flanked by Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, and Vena-

saying something but not a lot. He promised to continue split opinion after the Croatia game, batted away sugges-tions that at 38 he was too inex erienced, said it was too furly to announce his backcoom staff, and vowed to keep out of Venables's hair during Euro '96. He will not attend

showpiece; neither will he ac-company the squad on their

England training before that

clude a sentimental farewell to Stamford Bridge at his To be appreciated I've got to sful and play in a day, choosing his interna-tional coaching lieutenants manner that's close to my heart and the public's. "England's last two perfor and scouting teams ahead of

those World Cup qualifiers. Kelly summed up the quali-ties that had so impressed the mances were superb but sometimes I think we admire what happens across the FA: "He believes in intelli-gent players, raising the so-phistication levels of English Channel but people raise eyebrows when someone tries to ment it at home. I feel players, and playing the same system through all internathat Terry is on the right lines, I feel that is the correct tional levels so players can fit way to play and that the public will take it on board when in easily when they are we win mate

Hoddle accepted that a full When asked about his relative inexperience he sounded worldly-wise. "Sometimes exappreciation of his playing perience is judged by grey hairs, but that is not neces-

> at the end of the day I decided it wouldn't be a reason to turn down the job".

> But already there is a major rumpus in the making. An angry Chelsea chairman Ken thought it bad enough that the FA approached Hod-dle on Monday before they spoke to Chelsea. But in fact Kelly revealed yesterday that the FA's technical adviser Jimmy Armfield had actually first moken to Hoddle "norms first spoken to Hoddle "some

> time ago". The Chelsea director Matthew Harding felt the loss of

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Peter Preston

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Now he

new chapter

in the Archer saga. Always efforts on Wednesday to per-suade his manager to stay. It's bitterly disappointing.

he said yesterday. Harding's future at Chelses is still in doubt. He still has not signed the peace pact with Bates, having not received sufficient reassurance about the status of Chelsea Village, the company which owns the club. Yet more ructions are likely now that Harding has lost Hoddle, an ally in the power battle, and is threat-ened with a Bates-nominated replacement in George

A compromise would be the installation of Ruud Gullit as player-manager, and yester-day the Dutchman offered comfort to the club by quashing reports that he would be joining Hoddle in the England set-up. "I will be staying at Chelsea," he said.

The final word yesterday should go to Venables, who reiterated his view of Hoddle as a good choice and was then asked if the appointment of his replacement had sharp-

ened his sadness at leaving.
"No." he said. "It was very disappointing at the beginning, but I've got used to it and on with the next, basically." Who knows what that will be for Venables. For Eng-Hoddle in a more personal land it is Glenn Hoddle.

Premiership: Notim Forest 1; Newcastle

Newcastle title hopes fade after **Woan strike**

LEFT-FOOT shot from 25 yards from Ian Woan struck eep at the heart of Newcastle's lingering cham-pionship ambitions at the City Ground last night after a masterly goal from Peter Beardsley had given Man-chester United's pursuers a

Kevin Keegan's Monday-night rant at Leeds having been embodied in Sky's pre-match hype, his players had to demonstrate that actions spoke even louder than their manager's words. No easy

dence as Newcastle clung to their 1-0 lead at Elland Road. That had been their fourth win in five games but the strain was showing among gan went off at the deep end about Alex Ferguson's at-

empts to psyche up Leeds. Keegan swallowed a bit of pride last night by dropping Asprilla, his 27 million Colombian, who had looked jaded at Leeds. This meant that, with Ginola back from suspension and Gillespie keeping his place. Newcastle regained the balance on the wings so crucial to their ini-

tial championship challenge. Forest kept faith with Sun-day's side mauled by Manchester United restored Roy to the centre of their attack, with Woan resuming duties on the left side of midfield. Their early attacks nibbled at the fringes of the Newcastle defence and the visitors needed to raise the pace of the game to break up the relaxed rhythm of Forest's passing. Asprilla's absence meant that Beardsley was able to retain much closer links with Ferdinand, but for a time Newcas-

After 11 minutes they all but fell behind. Crossley's clearance was headed on by Lee and as it dropped Peacock impeded the advancing Hislop. Roy toe-poked the ball a yard off target.

At Elland Road, Newcastle had seen Leeds hit bar and post in the opening quarterhour and had then immediately scored what proved to be the winning goal. Forest, however, were looking less vulnerable than they had ultimately proved to be at Old Trafford.

The service to Ferdinand

looked likely to improve only when Beardsley went deep to receive the ball. Ginola and Gillespie tended to be isolated and inactive. Forest were con-tinuing to command the

Beardsley was to change all that. After half-an-hour Ferdi-nand, released by Lee's quick pass through a defence pushing up, bore down on Crossley but was tackled by Haaland before he could shoot, enabling the goalkeeper to aver ute, however, Beardsley, collecting a pass from Batty 20 yards inside the Forest half, ran diagonally at the defence, shook his hips, dropped a shoulder, kept them guessing and then beat Hasland on the outside before scoring with a uperb left-foot shot.

where they had been at Leeds, eading by one, needing more to narrow the gap on goal dif-ference, but missing chances. As the first half ended, Wat-son's quick throw on the right found Beardsley sprinting

low to set up Ferdinand for second goal, but he scooped it high over the bar.

The habit continued after half-time. Forest, chasing an equaliser, were more likely to be caught on the break and Ginola had plenty of time and space to float a centre to the

ning to collapse in the famhelp by meeting a back pass with a wild slice behind for a

In the 67th minute Ferdijumping Chettle as he met Ellight's centre from the left. the England striker made good contact with his header, to see the ball rebound from

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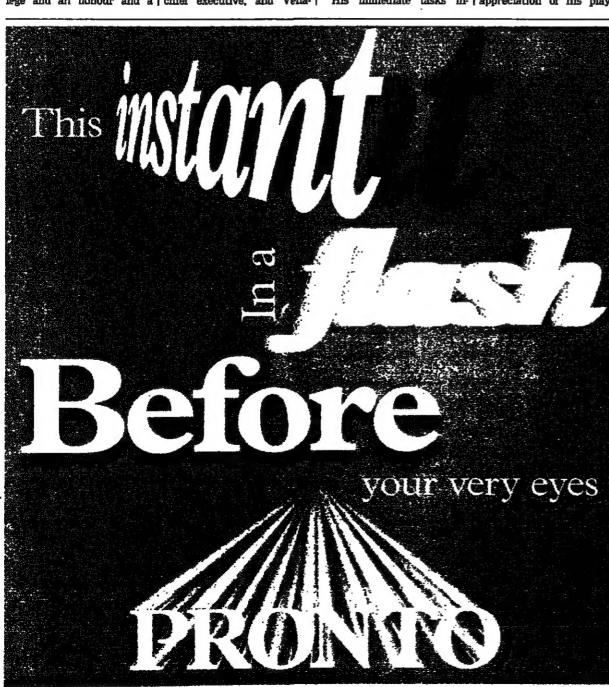
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The possible cost of such misses and near-misses soon became apparent; and in draminute Woan, exploiting a rare error by Batty, who allowed the ball to slip under his foot, struck his resound-ing equaliser.



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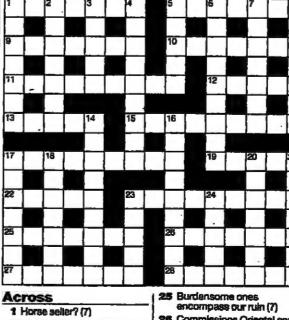
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15 Restaurant or pit in state

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17 Tears shed by fashion

middlemen (9) 19 Paper given back to America

as a sweetener (5)

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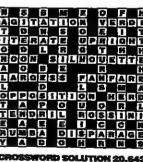
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